



News from: Human Services Department

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Cold Weather Expanded Warming Centers and Hours

Oakland, CA – In response to the impending cold weather, the City of Oakland, Human Services Department has established several sites to operate **warming centers**, which are open today, December 30, 2014, through Friday, January 1, 2015, in the morning. The warming center schedules vary slightly from site to site.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Community Center, 2272 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland,
has a capacity of 25 spaces

Today: Open now through 7pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Open from 7PM -7AM

Friday: Open if needed in the evening

The Henry J. Robinson Multi-Service Center, 559 16th Street, Oakland,
has a capacity of 15 spaces

Open today through Friday at 7AM as drop in warming site days and evenings. Overflow will be directed to City Teams for shelter placement

E.O.C.P. Crossroads, 7515 International Blvd., Oakland

As a community warming center

Today: Open until 6PM

Wednesday: Open 7AM – 6PM

Thursday: Open 7AM – 6PM

Nights in the shelter are for clients only.

St. Mary's, 925 Brockhurst St., Oakland

As a community warming center

Today: Open until 6PM

Wednesday: Open 7AM – 6PM

Thursday: Open 7AM – 6PM

Nights in the shelter are for clients only.

The Centers operate on a first-come-first-serve basis. Centers will provide tea and/or coffee and a cup of soup for each client along with a cot or mat and a blanket. On Friday, January 1, if the cold weather persists, sites will expand their hours.

This regional inclement weather response has been developed through a collaboration of the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville and with Alameda County, St. Vincent de Paul, and Bay Area Community Center. The warming centers will be available to both Oakland and Emeryville residents.

Typically, the warming centers' open/closed status will depend on the weather meeting the parameters of temperature drops to or below 40degrees Fahrenheit and/or a 50% or greater chance of rain. Upon meeting this threshold, the warming centers will open that evening and will be re-evaluated on a day-to-day basis.

Please visit the Community Housing Services at www.OaklandHumanServices.org to learn about other City services for the homeless and hungry.