

Stay Safe in Extreme Heat

Extreme heat and wildfire smoke can seriously affect health—even in San Francisco. City departments and community partners are working together to reduce the likelihood of heat-related illnesses and build neighborhood resilience before the next event happens.

San Francisco Heat & Air Quality Resilience Project (HAQR)

Why this matters

- Heat events in San Francisco are becoming more frequent and more severe.
- Emergency calls rise significantly during high heat risk days.
- Some neighborhoods can be 15–20°F hotter due to urban heat islands.

What the City is doing

- Coordinating across agencies through HAQR strategies.
- Upgrading libraries and health facilities as cooled spaces.
- Providing cooling and clean-air resources at 86 community locations.
- Planting 3,500 new street trees to reduce heat in hotter neighborhoods.
- Advancing energy-efficient cooling through building decarbonization.

What you can do today

- Visit sf.gov/heat for real-time updates and cooling locations.
- Identify nearby places you can go to in a heatwave such as libraries, swimming pools, or malls.
- Watch for renter-friendly home cooling guidance coming soon.
- Drink water, limit outdoor activity, and check on vulnerable neighbors.

Learn more

- Heat safety & alerts: <https://sf.gov/heat>
- Home energy upgrades: <https://sfenvironment.org/electrify>
- Heat & Air Quality Resilience: <https://www.sf.gov/resource--2024--heat-and-air-quality-resilience-haqr>

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