

## Finding Warming Centers

Some parts of the country experience [brutally cold temperatures](#) during winter months. When the mercury dips, many communities open warming centers to help people with heating problems escape the frigid weather.

Warming centers can be found in your area library, police station, senior center or school.

Operating hours and accommodations at warming facilities vary; so check with the facility before you go. It's a good idea to bring your [disaster supply kit](#) with you. Items in your kit can make your visit to warming centers more comfortable, especially if your visit extends for several days.

Many open centers coordinate with the federally mandated phone information system to communicate availability information. Locate a warming center near you by calling 2-1-1 or 3-1-1. You can also use these services to request a well-being check for someone who may be suffering from extreme weather, reporting inadequate heating in a residential building and more.

Another way to find shelters is through FEMA's [text message program](#). Just text **SHELTER** and **your zip code** to **43362** (4FEMA).