

City of Newburgh

Press Release

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Excessive Heat Advisory – City of Newburgh, **Week of July 15 – 21, 2019**

This week City of Newburgh residents can expect excessive heat conditions with “feels like” temperatures approaching 105 degrees.

Extreme heat is one of the most significant hazards facing the City of Newburgh, and many City residents are especially vulnerable to extreme heat-related hazards during the summer months. Generally, extreme heat is defined by temperatures that hover 10 degrees or more above the average high temperature for the region, last for prolonged periods of time, and are accompanied by high humidity.

On warm summer days, temperatures in the City of Newburgh can be 10 degrees warmer than its surrounding areas. City infrastructure — largely made up of asphalt, concrete and metal — traps the heat. This is typically referred to as an "urban heat island" effect.

The City will extend the hours of the Aquatic Center at Delano Hitch Park on Friday 7/19 and Saturday 7/20 welcoming the public from 12:30 to 8:00 pm. Additionally a Cooling Center will be available at the Activities Center, 401 Washington Street during the same times.

All residents are urged to take all precautions necessary during times of excessive heat; assist neighbors and pets, and direct any immediate requests for assistance to the Newburgh Fire Department at 562-1212 or the Newburgh Police Department at 561-3131.