

City of Northampton Announces Warming Shelter Center Locations for Frigid Days Ahead

NORTHAMPTON - *Northampton, MA – January 19, 2025* – As temperatures are forecasted to drop significantly over the next few days, the City of Northampton is announcing the availability of warming shelters for individuals needing a safe, warm space.

The warming shelters will be available for three days: Monday, January 20, Tuesday, January 21, and Wednesday, January 22, 2025, with varying hours of operation. The City encourages residents and visitors experiencing homelessness or needing a safe place to stay during extreme cold weather to take advantage of these facilities.

Manna Community Center

St. Johns Church, 48 Elm Street,
Northampton
Open 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Northampton Division of Community Care

1 Round House Plaza, Northampton
Monday Open 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday & Wednesday Open 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Clinical & Support Option (CSO) -

29 Industrial Drive East,
Northampton
Open 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Contact number for Shelter Access
(413) 586-6750

Northampton Police Department

29 Center Street, Northampton
Open 24/7. Individuals are welcome to warm up in the lobby
during the coldest nights and days.

The Northampton Senior Center

67 Conz Street, Northampton
Open Tuesday & Wednesday; 8:00
AM to 4:00 PM

Forbes Library

20 West Street, Northampton
Open Tuesday and Wednesday; 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

The City of Northampton, in collaboration with local nonprofit organizations, has worked diligently to ensure that these facilities are accessible to those in need. Each location will provide a safe and warm environment, as well as access to basic services and support. For more information on the warming shelter services, please contact the Northampton Department of Human Services at (413) 587-1215.

Additionally, the City urges residents to check on neighbors who may be vulnerable during the cold weather and to report anyone in need of assistance to local authorities or outreach teams.

Stay Safe and Warm!

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 413-587-1249 or mayor@northamptonma.gov.

Town of Amherst Announces Temporary Warming Center

AMHERST, MA – Town Manager Paul Bockelman and Public Health Director Kiko Malin announced that the Town of Amherst will be offering a variety of ways to stay safe and warm during the forecasted extremely cold temperatures. The following locations have been identified as warming centers available to all in need of a safe and warm space.

Warming Center at Bangs Community Center

A warming center will be open in the Glass Room of Bangs Community Center (70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst MA 01002) on the following days/times:

Tuesday, January 21 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 22 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday, January 23 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Staffed by Community Responders for Equity, Safety, and Service (CRESS), this warming center will provide a safe environment, access to hot beverages, and information on available resources. Anyone in need of a warm place during the extreme cold is encouraged to visit.

Public Libraries

All public libraries in town are heated and will be open during their normal operating hours:

Jones Library (43 Amity Street, Amherst, MA 01002)

Tuesday from 9:00 am to 8:15 pm

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 5:15 pm

Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:15 pm

Munson Memorial Library (1046 S East Street, Amherst, MA 01002)

Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm

North Amherst Library (8 Montague Road, Amherst, MA 01002)

Tuesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday from 3:30 to 7:30 pm

Thursday CLOSED

After-Hours Options

In addition to the warming center and libraries, Craig's Doors will be providing after-hours support. Residents in need of assistance can contact 413-256-0704 for information on available shelter space or resources after standard hours.

The Amherst Police Department is open 24/7. Individuals are welcome to warm up in the lobby during the coldest nights. Space is limited.

If your heating system malfunctions during this extreme cold and your landlord is unresponsive, please contact the Town of Amherst. From 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, call Inspections Services at 413-259-3030. Outside of these hours, call the Police Department's business line at 413-259-3000.

The Town of Amherst prioritizes the safety and well-being of all community members during this time. We urge everyone to take necessary precautions, check on vulnerable neighbors, and utilize available resources. For more information about the warming centers, please contact the Public Health Department at 413-259-3077 or email publichealth@amherstma.gov