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***Community Action Announces Warming Centers***

**ROCKFORD, IL** - The City of Rockford Human Services Department, a Community Action Agency, announces the availability of warming centers in Winnebago and Boone counties during the 2019-2020 winter season.

These facilities provide safe and warm locations during extreme cold temperatures for area residents with inadequate heat or those who turn their thermostat down to save energy costs (do not lower your thermostat below 60 degrees).

In addition, residents are encouraged to ensure their senior and other vulnerable relatives, friends and neighbors are safe during times of extreme cold. Churches and other organized groups are also encouraged to check-in on the well-being of their members.

In the event of a severe weather crisis, more sites may be opened as needed. You can call the 2-1-1 resource line or text the keyword COLD to 51555 to obtain a comprehensive and updated list.

Call the Community Action Agency at 844-710-6919 to see if you are eligible for assistance:

- If you are without heat because your utilities are shut off
- If you are a homeowner with a non-working furnace
- If you are homeowner interested in weatherization improvements to make your home more energy and cost efficient
- If you are living on the streets and need shelter.

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**Warming Centers**  
**Winnebago and Boone Counties**  
November 2019 through April 2020

**Winnebago County Sites**

**City of Rockford, Community Action Agency**

612 N. Church Street, Rockford

Mon-Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm

**The Carpenter's Place**

1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford

Mon-Fri 8:15am – 3:00pm

**Rockford Rescue Mission**

715 W. State Street, Rockford

**Women's Crisis Center/Women and Children Only**

8:00am – 5:00pm/7 days a week

**Men's Crisis Center**

7:00am – 7:00pm/7 days a week

**Pecatonica Village Hall**

405 Main Street, Pecatonica

Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm

**Village of Machesney Park**

300 Roosevelt Road, Machesney Park

Mon-Fri 8:00am – 4:30pm

**Boone County Sites**

**Salvation Army**

422 S. Main Street, Belvidere

Mon-Fri 9:00 – 11:45am 1:00-4:00pm

**Belvidere Public Safety Building**

615 N. Main Street, Belvidere

24 hrs/7 days a week

**Area State Authorized Sites**

**Illinois Dept. of Human Services**

**Family Community Resource Center**

171 Executive Parkway, Rockford

Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm (except State and Federal holidays)

**Belvidere Oasis/Illinois Tollway**

East of Belvidere Toll Plaza on I90

24 hrs/7 days a week