

# EXTREME WEATHER

Location, Center & Shelter Definitions



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Defining **different types of emergency resource spaces helps** distinguish places people can visit during an emergency situation, based on level of care, services, and duration of stay. Understanding these definitions will help in planning for different responses to both expected weather and sudden emergencies.



## LOCATION Definition:

Public facilities that provide short-term relief from extreme weather during their normal business hours. These locations offer a temporary escape but do not extend their hours or services based on weather conditions.



## CENTER Definition:

Facilities that provide short-term services during extreme weather periods outside of normal business operations/hours. These facilities do NOT offer a place for guests to sleep but may offer additional resources or support.



## SHELTER Definition:

Emergency facilities activated during extreme weather events, offering refuge for extended periods, including overnight stays. These shelters may provide food, hydration, and necessary accommodations to ensure public safety during extreme weather conditions.