

# TULSA WEATHER COALITION



COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL

## Protecting Tulsa's Most Vulnerable Residents During Extreme Heat

The Community Service Council's Tulsa Weather Coalition is designed to prevent death or worsening of health problems among frail, elderly and other medically fragile people during the extreme heat of Tulsa summers. We do this in part by providing air-conditioning window units free-of-cost for those who qualify.

**OUR MISSION IS TO REDUCE LOSS OF LIFE AND COSTLY HOSPITALIZATIONS CAUSED BY THE EXTREME TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY OF SUMMER.**

The Coalition began in 1980 following the death of many Tulsans from heat-related illnesses. Heat is Oklahoma's most life threatening weather event. Heat Alerts issued by EMSA and Heat Advisories issued by the National Weather Service in Tulsa are also part of coordinated efforts to save lives and reduce related hospitalizations.

**TO RECEIVE AN AIR-CONDITIONER**, individuals must meet all of the following residency, income, mobility and medical criteria and complete an application with Tulsa Weather Coalition staff...

- No other air-conditioner in the home;
- Live in Tulsa County;
- Enrolled in a public assistance program or meet low-income guidelines;
- Have a qualifying medical condition that becomes life threatening in extreme heat and can be verified by a doctor's statement;
- Limited ability to get to a cooler place during the hottest part of the day.



**TO ACCESS OUR SERVICES, DIAL 918-834-2665**



## Program Highlights

- We purchase air conditioners using private donations at a cost of \$100-\$150. Monetary donations of any amount are needed. Donations of new (not used) air conditioners are also welcome.
- Most of our clients are at least 55 years of age and have serious lung or heart disorders, with limited mobility and lack of access to other cool environments with relatives or friends.
- The Coalition originated in 1980 in response to a heat wave that claimed the lives of 13 Tulsa residents.
- Air conditioners are now gifted to our clients, and no longer loaned as it was in the past.



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A 211 Eastern Oklahoma Service Specialist will answer your call and those who meet pre-screening criteria will be referred to the Tulsa Weather Coalition for an eligibility assessment. 211 Eastern Oklahoma is also a program of the Community Service Council and is a free and confidential link to health and human services that is available to all, 24/7.

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