

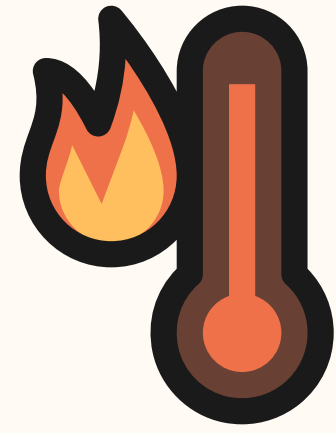
COMMUNITY ADAPTATIONS TO CITY HEAT

URBAN HEAT ACTION AND POLICY DATABASE

How are Boston, Phoenix,
and New Orleans preparing
for extreme heat before
disaster happens?



As extreme heat intensifies, cities and community organizations are developing new strategies to prepare residents for heat emergencies and climate-related disasters.



Heat preparedness can include emergency planning, community resilience hubs, public education campaigns, and coordinated response efforts to protect vulnerable populations during extreme weather.

The following examples highlight a few ways Boston, New Orleans, and Phoenix are strengthening community heat preparedness.



Scroll to learn more!



Boston

Boston's Extreme Temperatures Task Force, established as part of the city's Heat Plan, brings together agencies and stakeholders to coordinate heat preparedness, emergency response, and long-term resilience planning.



Scan to read more about heat solutions and the task force!



Cross-sector coordination can strengthen heat preparedness.



Phoenix

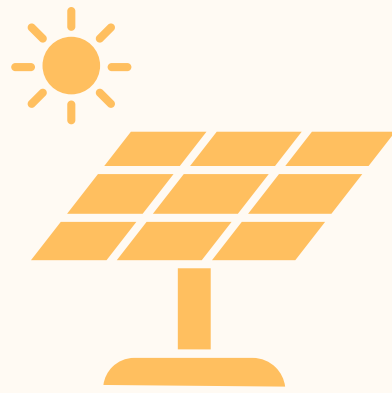
Phoenix has developed extensive heat relief infrastructure, including cooling centers, hydration stations, and outreach programs that support residents during prolonged extreme heat events.



Scan to read more Phoenix's summer safety outreach!



Community preparedness can be improved by heat relief infrastructure.



New Orleans

New Orleans has expanded community resilience efforts through initiatives like Community Lighthouses, resilience hubs that provide commercial-scale solar power and back-up battery capacity to congregations and community institutions, and other power resilience strategies designed to support residents during outages and climate-related disasters.



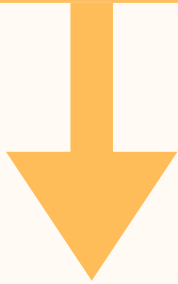
**Scan to read more about the
Community Lighthouses!**



Resilience hubs can support communities during power outages and extreme heat.

Heat protections vary widely across cities — with major gaps in coverage and enforcement.

Do you know if your city has heat protection laws? Tell us!

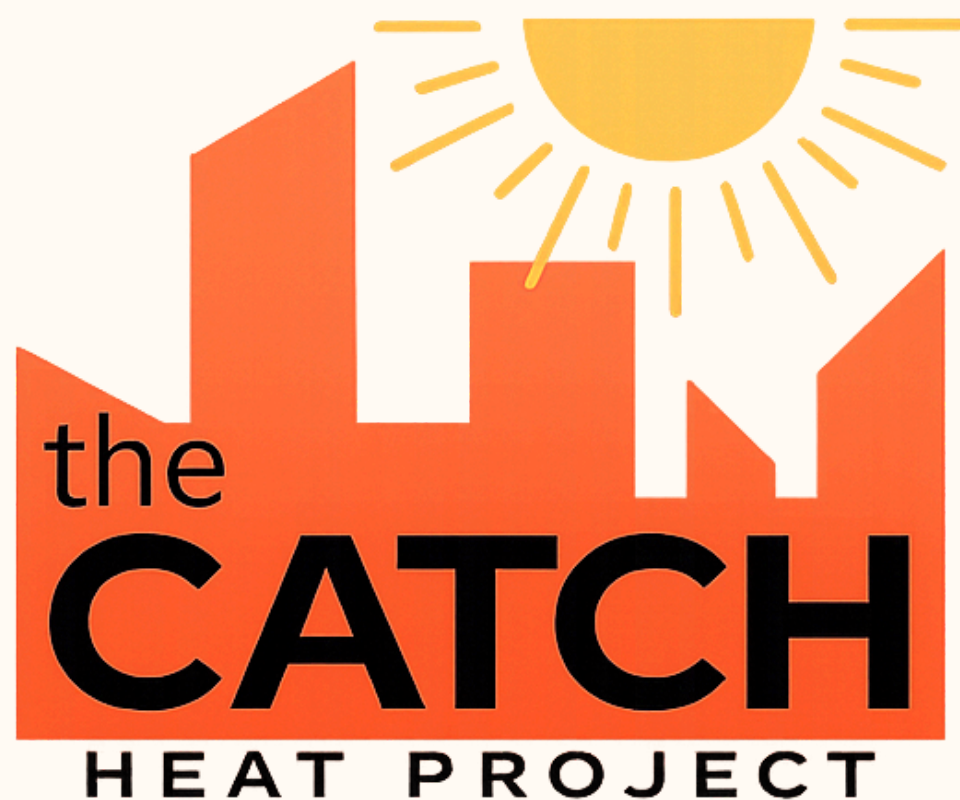


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Making **extreme heat** impacts
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Working in Boston, Phoenix, and
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