



News Release

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Pierce Transit Offering Free Rides to Cooling Centers

Rides free on Tuesday, Aug. 12 through end of service; may be extended depending on weather

The Puget Sound area is currently experiencing high temperatures. To help those who need access to transportation to get out of the heat, Pierce Transit is partnering with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management to provide free bus or SHUTTLE rides (for registered SHUTTLE customers) to cooling centers and shelters.

The free rides are in effect on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 through the end of the day, but may be extended if hot weather continues or until the cooling shelters are closed.

The free round trips are available throughout the day and evening for passengers who tell the driver they are traveling to or from a cooling center or shelter. For cooling center locations and tips to stay safe during a heat event, follow this link:

[PierceCountyWA.gov/DocumentCenter/View/150213/August-11---Hot-Weather-Resources](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/150213/August-11---Hot-Weather-Resources)

For help planning a trip, visit Pierce Transit's [Trip Planner](#) at PierceTransit.org or call the agency's Customer Service Call 253.581.8000 option 2, then option 2 again, Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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