

# Hot Enough For Ya?

## **What is the Tulsa Weather Coalition?**

The Tulsa Weather Coalition is a program that loans room-sized air conditioners to seriously ill people in Tulsa County who cannot go to a cool place during the hottest part of the day. Air conditioners are NOT gifts; they are on loan. An air conditioner will be installed in the qualifying person's home for the summer months and will be picked up in the fall by the Weather Coalition.

## **Who is eligible to receive a loaner air conditioner?**

To receive a loaner air conditioner, a person must meet all of the following residency, income, mobility and medical criteria and complete a home visit by a Weather Coalition staff member [see detailed eligibility criteria on the reverse page]:

- Have no other air conditioner in the home
- Live in Tulsa County
- Be enrolled in a public assistance program or meet low-income guidelines
- Have a qualifying medical condition that can be verified by a doctor's statement
- Have limited ability to get to a cooler place during the hottest part of the day

## **How do I request a loaner air conditioner?**

Call 2-1-1 for an initial assessment and referral to the Weather Coalition. A Weather Coalition staff member will contact you, review the eligibility criteria and mail you an application.

## **How long does it take to get a loaner air conditioner?**

It usually takes a week to 10 business days to complete the application process, home visit and installation. The Weather Coalition is NOT an emergency program. If a life-threatening situation exists, contact 9-1-1 or go to a hospital or other medical facility.

## **What options do I have if I do not qualify for the Tulsa Weather Coalition program?**

Call 2-1-1 for referral to similar programs for those living outside Tulsa County, tips for keeping cool, heat-related health information and for the location of shelters or cooling stations in the area.

## **Does the Tulsa Weather Coalition accept donations?**

Yes. Air conditioners are purchased using private donations, at a cost of \$100-\$150 per unit based on size and availability. Monetary donations of any amount can be sent to: Tulsa Weather Coalition, 16 East 16th Street, Tulsa, OK 74119. Donations of new air conditioners are also welcome. The Tulsa Weather Coalition cannot accept donations of used air conditioners.

## **Does the Tulsa Weather Coalition use volunteers?**

Yes. The Weather Coalition utilizes volunteers to clean and install air conditioners in the summer and help pick up air conditioners for storage in the fall. Volunteers work in groups of two and must be sponsored by a service club, employee group or congregation. To volunteer, contact Weather Coalition Coordinator Dan Grimes at 918-834-2665.

The Tulsa Weather Coalition is a program of the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa. For more information about the Tulsa Weather Coalition, call 2-1-1 or 918-834-2665.

## Eligibility Criteria

### Income Criteria:

Households that receive public assistance, such as, Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or State Supplemental Payments to the Aged, Blind or Disabled will meet income criteria. Other low-income households may qualify if they meet the following Oklahoma DHS income guidelines:

Size of Household:	Allowable Monthly Net Income
1	\$899
2	\$1,210
3	\$1,522
4	\$1,834
5	\$2,145
6	\$2,457
7	\$2,769
8	\$3,080

### Limited Mobility:

Individual is unable to relocate to a cooler place during the heat of the day because of being bed/chairfast, wheelchair bound or experiencing other condition that limits mobility. This may include people requiring oxygen tanks, walkers, canes/crutches as well as individuals without adequate transportation resources. People who are routinely able to leave their home for household errands and social activities without assistance would not be eligible.

### Medical Criteria:

The following medical conditions are examples of qualifying criteria that will allow an application to be considered for air conditioner loan. Tulsa WC staff will require a faxed doctor's statement to verify medical condition.

- Heart - Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), serious heart conditions requiring medications that involve fluid imbalances.
- Lung - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Emphysema, Cystic Fibrosis, Cancer
- Renal - Dialysis Treatments
- AIDS - Full Blown (HIV positive does not meet criteria.)
- Burns - Applicant must wear Jobes Skin which is heavier than surgical support hose and limits the applicant's ability to perspire.
- Terminal - Hospice patients, end stages of heart disease, kidney disease, cancer and emphysema patients.
- Sickle Cell, Cerebral Palsy, Parkinson's Disease - depending on severity.
- Other - Other medical conditions that are potentially life-threatening with exposure to extreme heat may be considered.