

Region 1A – 2025–2026 Winter Contingency Plan

Counties Covered: Lake County

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CITY OF GARY – UPDATED 2025–2026 WARMING CENTERS

(Updated per City of Gary Winter Plan Flyer)

Monroe Smith Warming & Cooling Center

Women, Children & Men
4101 Washington St., Gary, IN
Hours: 6:00 PM – 6:00 AM

Calumet Township Multipurpose Center

Women, Children & Men
1900 W. 41st Ave., Gary, IN
Hours: Monday–Friday | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Brother's Keeper

Men & Women (Adults)
2120 Broadway, Gary, IN
Hours: Monday–Friday | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Activation Rule (City of Gary):

Warming centers activate at 32 degrees or below, during extreme weather conditions, or for emergency sheltering needs.

EAST CHICAGO

Martin Luther King Center

4802 Melville Ave., East Chicago, IN
Hours: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Opens when wind chills are below zero for two consecutive days.

Heritage Hall Recreation Center

4506 Tod Ave., East Chicago, IN
219-391-8380
Call for hours.

Salvation Army – East Chicago

513 W. Chicago Ave., East Chicago, IN
219-398-2939
Extreme conditions only.

GARY – ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

(From the uploaded contingency document)

Glen Ryan Park Pavilion

4220 E. 6th Pl., Gary, IN
219-886-7113
Call for hours.

Hudson-Campbell Sports & Fitness Center

455 Massachusetts St., Gary, IN
Mon–Fri: 6 AM–8:30 PM
Sat–Sun: 9 AM–1 PM

Fire Department Warming Locations (Call Ahead)

Station #1 – 2800 E. 5th Ave. | 219-881-1408
Station #2 – 1618 Adams St. | 219-882-1814
Station #4 – 330 W. 25th Ave. | 219-882-1814
Station #7 – 380 S. Grand Blvd. | 219-881-5215
Station #12 – 1901 Mississippi St. | 219-881-1412
Station #13 – 6012 W. 26th Ave. | 219-881-1412

Transportation (Gary):

The GPTC bus/van system will activate “Code 32.” Operators will stop as close to a warming center as possible.

MERRILLVILLE

Dean & Barbara White Community Center

6600 Broadway, Merrillville

219-980-5911

Hours: 8 AM – 8 PM

Activates during dangerous wind chills (near -25 degrees).

Merrillville Fire Stations (Call for Hours)

Station #71 – 18 W. 73rd Ave.

Station #72 – 7950 Taft St.

HAMMOND

Jean Shepherd Community Center

3031 JF Mahoney Dr.

Hours: Monday–Friday | 7 AM–9 PM

All are welcome.

Hammond Sportsplex

6630 Indianapolis Blvd

219-853-7660

Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lost Marsh Clubhouse

1001 129th St.

Hours: Monday–Friday | 8 AM – 5 PM

Emergency activation only when temperatures reach 32 degrees or below.

HOBART

Hobart Fire & Police Facilities (Call for Hours)

Fire Station #1 – 400 E. 10th St.
Fire Station #4 – 7710 S. Colorado St.
Police Department – 705 E. 4th St.
Substation – Southlake Mall

Additional Emergency Warm Sites (Historically Used):

PCC Community Room – 705 E. 4th St.
Hobart Public Library – 100 Main St.
Maria Reiner Center – Seniors only

The City of Hobart posts warming-center updates on the official city website and the City of Hobart Facebook page.

HIGHLAND

Lincoln Center

2450 Lincoln St.
Mon–Fri: 5 AM–10 PM
Sat–Sun: 7 AM–6 PM

LAKE STATION

Lake Station Fire Department

1876 Fairview Ave.
219-962-8295
Call for hours.