

Things You May Not Know About Living in Las Vegas

So, you're moving to Las Vegas. Most people will tell you "It's hot" well they are right, sometimes it is hot, but do they tell you anything about the heat? There are a couple things you may want to keep in mind:

1. While doing outside activities whether it's working in the yard, taking a run or walk around the neighborhood or having an outing with friends and family – please keep drinking water with you! With the humidity fairly low and the heat is higher than some areas of the country, you can dehydrate quickly. Drinking water is a really good start to avoiding headache, dizziness, fatigue, muscle cramps just to name a few. If you don't address these symptoms, you could easily turn from dehydration to heart stroke.
2. While you are trying to keep hydrated, please keep in mind that caffeinated drinks and alcohol are probably the worst things to drink in the heat. Yes, we understand a big, ice-cold glass of tea or a refreshing beer sounds so good in the heat, but this is what can happen. Caffeine and alcohol can shut your sweat glands down so your natural ability to cool your body has stopped. Once again heading you right toward dehydration and heat stroke. Water, water, water and seek shade if you are getting lightheaded.
3. So now you're driving around town and you have the AC cranked and the windows up. You just want to run into the store for a while or maybe you are off to work for the day. Please crack your window(s) just a bit. Believe it or not the inside of a car can reach 200 degrees Fahrenheit or more when the car windows are up tight. Because there is no way for the heat to escape, just like a pressure cooker, the heat can blow out one or several of your car windows. Very common to see spider web cracked windows on cars.
4. Talking about hot cars, please **DO NOT** leave your children or pets alone in a vehicle. This is a life safety issue and under certain circumstances may carry a \$1000 fine and 6 months in jail.

Is it just hot in Las Vegas? If it was up to me, yes but that isn't the case. We have all the weather that they have across the country so please watch out for the following:

1. **Winter** - Yes, it gets cold here, we are in a desert. It can actually freeze so watch out for your pets that stay outside. Even garden hoses and standing water can freeze. By the way, it even snows here.
2. **Rain** – We have an average of 26 rain days per year with approximately 4-5 inches or rain. Seems like that rain comes down all on the same day. That being said, please **DO NOT** drive through standing water if you can avoid it. It may be deeper than you can see or there may be debris in the road that can cause damage to your vehicle or even make your vehicle stall. Areas can flood very quickly and no one wants to get stranded in flood

water, we want you to get home safe and sound. If you must drive through standing water, drive slowly and carefully. Once through the water, tap lightly on your brakes to dry them out. The car in front of you will appreciate it more than you can imagine. Don't meet someone by accident!

3. **Wind** – No exaggeration, the wind here can get up to 50-60 mph and there have been recordings of it being over 80 mph. We've had our share of trees falling and unsecured patio furniture, signs and even sheds being whipped around.

Needless to say, this information is not to be used for medical advice or for your personal safety. This information is just for general knowledge to help you understand the day-to-day weather and environment of the Las Vegas area. Be smart and be safe, we want you to get home to your friends and family! We hope you enjoy all Las Vegas has to offer. Viva Las Vegas!!

Congratulations on your new adventure in Las Vegas. We want to welcome you and we hope you will love it here as much as we do. If we can be of any service to you or you have further questions, please feel free to fill out a contact card.

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