

Free Water for Passengers at 6 Metro Stations

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Free drinking water has been handed out to passengers at six Moscow metro stations due to record-breaking temperatures in the capital, acting Deputy Mayor Maxim Liksutov said Friday.

"Beginning today, we are distributing free water for all passengers at the Sokol, Aeroport, Dmitrovskaya, Timiryazevskaya, Belyayevo and Petrovsko-Razumovskaya stations," Liksutov was quoted as saying by Interfax.

Medical teams were also on duty at stations due to the blistering heat, but no requests for assistance have been reported, Liksutov said.

He also said that the metro's management in 2012 replaced ventilation shafts to stabilize temperatures at the city's busiest stations on hot days, a process that will be completed at all stations by the end of the year.

On Friday afternoon air temperatures in Moscow reached 31-32 degrees Celsius, forecasters said, and the heat wave is unlikely to ease up over the weekend.

"A slight reduction of heat will not happen before Monday," the weather bureau said.

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