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AVOID FROZEN WATER PIPES

When temperatures dip extremely low, take measures to prevent frozen water pipes from bursting. Unlike other liquids, water expands when it freezes. When water pipes freeze, the expanding water can break the pipe, and you can be left with a thoroughly soaked house when those pipes thaw. Here's some advice for those nights when a hard freeze is likely.

- Trickle cold water from one or more faucets.
- Insulate all exposed outside water pipes and faucets.
- Make sure the cover to your water meter fits tightly.

- If you have a backflow assembly on your water service line, insulate the assembly by wrapping or covering the pipe. Do not cover the bottom relief opening on the underside at the middle of the apparatus to avoid creating other flooding problems.

When pipes break between the water meter and the home or within the home, the customer is responsible for repairs. City of Tallahassee Utilities repairs any damage to pipes between the water main under the street and the meter or in the main itself.

For more information, call 850-891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com/you](https://www.talgov.com/you).

MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

Visit [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com) for the current list of Tallahassee City Commission, Community Redevelopment Agency, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meetings and workshops.

Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information and view the current meeting agendas online at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com). Follow @CityofTLH on Twitter for City news.



PLAY SPRING SPORTS

Interested in playing spring sports? The City will offer youth baseball and softball, as well as adult softball, flag football and beach volleyball. Register online at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com).

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES

- wash your hands
- avoid close contact
- wear a mask
- clean and disinfect

visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information

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BE SEEN. BE SAFE.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 75 percent of all fatal pedestrian and bicyclist crashes occur after dark. Motorists often say they never saw the other person. Every crash, every injury, every fatality not only affects those involved, it also affects their families, friends and community.

What can each of us do to protect one another? By staying alert and avoiding distractions while driving. By using lights and wearing reflective clothing while walking and biking at night, and by driving, walking and biking predictably.

Commit to being a safe driver, pedestrian and bicyclist. Learn more at AlertTodayFlorida.com.



PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

If you own and occupy property in Leon County, you may qualify for one or more property tax exemptions. March 1 is the filing deadline for each tax year. Eligibility is based on your permanent residence status as of Jan. 1, and exemptions do not automatically transfer between properties. Do not miss your opportunity to save on your property taxes! To learn more, contact the Leon County Property Appraiser at 850-606-6200 or visit leonpa.org.



PLANT TREES NOW FOR SUMMER SHADE

Shade trees cool your home. Good shade can reduce your summer air conditioning costs by up to 30 percent

In Tallahassee, January is a good time to plant trees. Trees and shrubs planted now have a better chance of surviving our early-summer dry season. That's why we celebrate Arbor Day early in Florida, on January's third Friday. If you're planting trees this month, here are a few tips:

- Plant shade trees on the east, south and west sides of your home.
- Don't plant trees under power lines.
- Choose deciduous trees that drop their leaves in winter. You'll get shade in summer and sun in winter.
- Block winter winds with evergreen shrubs and trees by planting them on your home's north and northwest sides.
- Shading your backyard air conditioning condenser improves operating efficiency, elevates its cooling capacity and extends equipment life. Leave several feet of clearance around the air conditioner as it needs good air circulation to release heat effectively.

National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on a different date according to their best tree-planting times. For more information on Arbor Day, visit The National Arbor Day Foundation at arborday.org. You can also find information about the City's Adopt A Tree program, which still has trees available, at Talgov.com.

For more information about saving energy, please visit us online at Talgov.com/YOU or call 850-891-4968.

Sustainability Tip

Winter is the perfect time to install a rain barrel. Collecting and using rainwater from rain barrels is an excellent way to conserve water.

INSIGHT is published monthly to inform citizens about City services and related terms of interest. If you require an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in a program, service or activity, please contact the appropriate City department. For persons using a TDD, please call 711. Requests should be made at least seven hours in advance. Sign language interpreters require 10 days advance request.

For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquires, please call 850-891-4968 or visit Talgov.com.

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