

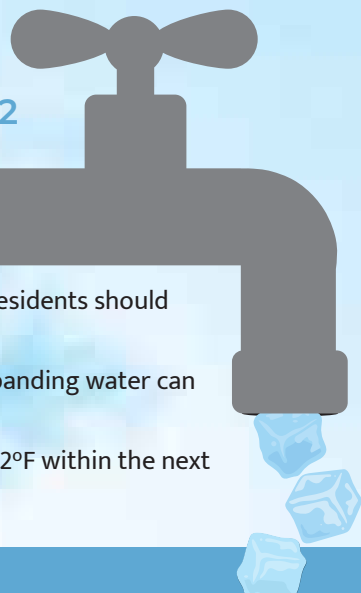
Avoid Frozen Water Pipes

January is, on average, Tallahassee's coldest month of the year. When temperatures dip extremely low, residents should take action to prevent frozen water pipes from bursting.

Water freezes at 32°F. Unlike other liquids, water expands when it freezes. When water pipes freeze, expanding water can break the pipe, and you can be left with a thoroughly soaked house when those pipes thaw.

The National Weather Service issues freeze and hard freeze warnings (forecasted temperature below 32°F within the next 24 hours and below 23°F, respectively). Here's 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
- Ensure the cover to your water meter fits tightly
- Remove, drain and store hoses used outdoors
- 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.

Sustainability Tip

Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Close them at night to reduce heat loss and the chill you feel from cold windows.

NEW YEAR *New Opportunities*

Use your professional skills to help our community. Through a career with the City of Tallahassee, you can do great things and make a difference every day. As the largest provider of municipal services in the Big Bend, our diverse workforce includes engineers, administrative specialists, lifeguards, firefighters, line workers, horticulturalists, chemists, mechanics, auditors and many more. There are opportunities for people at every stage of their career. View current openings at Talgov.com/Employment.



MEETINGS IN

February

Visit 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. Follow @CityofTLH on Twitter for City news.



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Save with Good Shade

Good shade on your home from a tree 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 Florida celebrates Arbor Day 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.

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



Helping Businesses Thrive

The Office of Economic Vitality's Minority, Women, & Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) Division is committed to providing business development support to minority-owned, women-owned and small business enterprises. If your business is interested in obtaining MWSBE certification or if you're interested in current vendor opportunities with the City of Tallahassee, visit Talgov.com/Procurement.

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.

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

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Golf All Year

Drive into fun this year at the City's Hilaman and Jake Gaither golf courses. Hilaman is located off Blair Stone Road in the heart of Tallahassee, offering a panoramic 18-hole course. With a quality pro shop, delicious restaurant, inviting event space and more, you're guaranteed a great experience. Gaither, located off Bragg Drive, recently celebrated its 55th anniversary, and renovations are enhancing the overall player experience. It remains one of Tallahassee's most welcoming courses, offering 9-holes of serene play. Learn more at Talgov.com.