

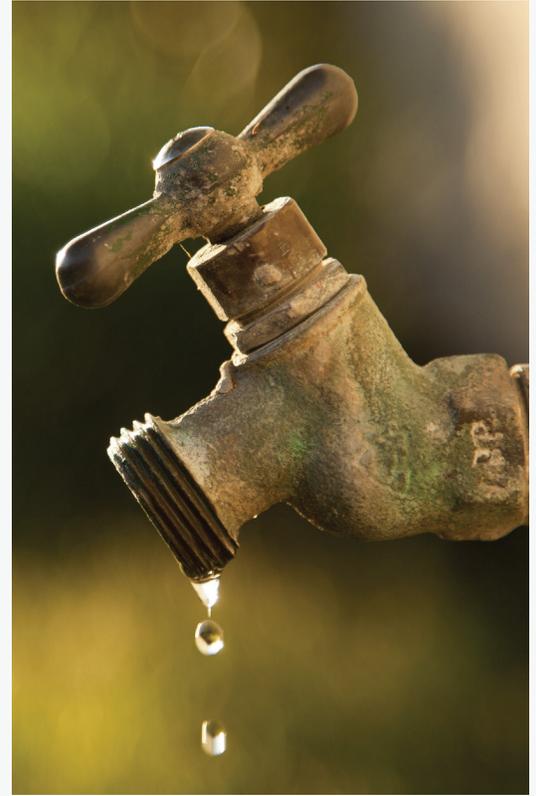
AVOID FROZEN PIPES

January is typically the coldest month of the year in Tallahassee. When temperatures dip extremely low, be sure to take measures to prevent 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 may be left with a thoroughly soaked house when the pipes thaw.

Here's some advice for those nights when a freeze is likely to occur – about 30 degrees (F) or below for more than one hour:

- 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).



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.



GOLF YEAR-ROUND AT TALLAHASSEE COURSES

Want to learn a new skill or get outdoors more this year? Try the City's Hilaman and Jake Gaither golf courses. Hilaman is located on Blair Stone Road in the heart of Tallahassee, offering a panoramic 18-hole course. With a quality pro shop, restaurant, inviting event space and more,

you're guaranteed a great experience. Historic Jake Gaither, located on Bragg Drive, is one of Tallahassee's most welcoming courses, offering 9-holes of serene play. Both courses provide challenges for all levels of golfers. Learn more at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com).

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Use your professional skills to help our community. Start the new year with a career at the City of Tallahassee. You will find you can do great things at work and make a positive 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, horticulturists, graphic designers, writers, mechanics, auditors and more. The City has opportunities for people at every stage of their careers. See current openings at Talgov.com/Employment.



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. That's because trees and shrubs planted now have a better chance of surviving our early-summer dry season. And that's why we celebrate Arbor Day early in Florida, on the third Friday in January. If you're planting trees this month, here are some 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 by planting evergreen shrubs and trees 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.

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.gov.

CRIME SOLVERS



A new name & look was recently unveiled for Big Bend Crime Solvers, a pillar in the fight against crime since its establishment in 1984. The organization is now known as Big Bend Crime Solvers to reflect its role more accurately as a crucial nonprofit partner in solving crimes. Big Bend Crime Solvers collects anonymous tips through a secure, 24/7 anonymous hotline, website and mobile app. Tips that prevent a crime or result in an arrest are eligible for cash rewards.

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

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MEETINGS IN JANUARY

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