



"Cash For Trash" Offers Energy Savings!

Next Event on October 18



City utility customers will be able to receive over \$150 in savings with the giveaway of energy efficient compact florescent light (CFL) bulbs or receive a coupon worth \$5 off your utility bill - all for turning in trash too large for your home garbage container!

The City's twice yearly 'Cash for Trash' event returns **Saturday, October 18, from 8 am to 2 pm**, with expanded choices for savings. City residential utility customers can opt to receive two 20-watt (75-watt equivalent) Energy Star compact florescent light bulbs to save even more money on their electric costs. The two bulbs have a **retail value of around \$7**, but customers will see an additional energy savings of around \$150 over the life of two CFL's. The City has expanded the program as part of its commitment to our environment, sustainability, and energy efficiency.

On October 18, residential utility customers may bring trash items too large to fit in their 96-gallon garbage container to the City's Solid Waste Services facility, located at 2727 Municipal Way (off W. Pensacola St. near the Messer Field softball complex). Items customers may bring include furniture, appliances, large toys, and tires (limit of four per customer).

Residents may also bring household hazardous waste items and electronic items (including all computer parts) to Cash for Trash for disposal/recycling by Leon County's Solid Waste Division. Items you may **not** bring include household garbage, yard waste or construction/demolition debris.

To receive the CFL's or coupon, residential customers utilizing the program must present a City utility bill before unloading material. Customers can make multiple trips, however only one coupon per utility bill will be distributed. This allows customers disposing items for their neighbors to do so and assist them in reaping the benefits of the Cash for Trash program.

Customers needing more information should call Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968) or visit the City's website at Talgov.com/you.

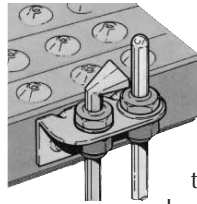


Monthly Recycling Fact

Tallahassee citizens have endorsed the change to weekly recycling by placing more materials in their Smart Carts than ever before! And to encourage recycling even more (keeping the waste stream out of the landfill as much as possible), Insight features monthly recycling facts. For more information on recycling, please visit Talgov.com/you or call Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968).



Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees that absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year. Burning that same ton of paper would create 1,500 pounds of carbon dioxide.



Gas Pilot Lighting Policy

City of Tallahassee natural gas customers are eligible to participate in the FREE pilot lighting program offered by Your Own Utilities. Once each year, you can have the pilot lights on your natural gas appliances lit for free; just call 891-4YOU (4968) and follow the prompts. As we approach cooler weather, now is a good time to request this service.

Your Own Utilities offers this important service to help ensure your family's safety. We highly recommend a qualified expert light the pilot light before using gas appliances. The City does not charge for lighting the pilot light for new, additional or original gas service connections.

If you need pilot lights lit more than once during a 12-month period, a \$17 service charge will be applied (\$29 after hours). For more information, please call Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968) or visit Talgov.com/you.



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Q and A



Saving Energy At Home



ENERGY SMART PLUS
SAVE ENERGY SAVE WATER SAVE MONEY

Frequently asked questions about home energy costs and savings.

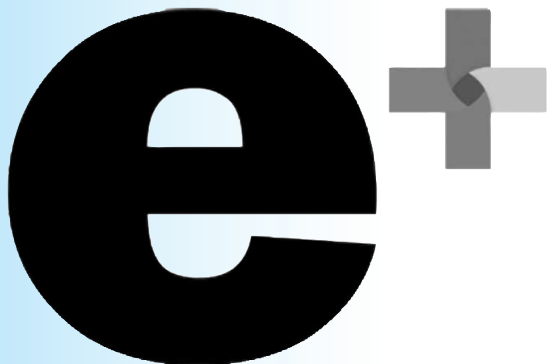
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ENERGY TIP

Helping You Save!



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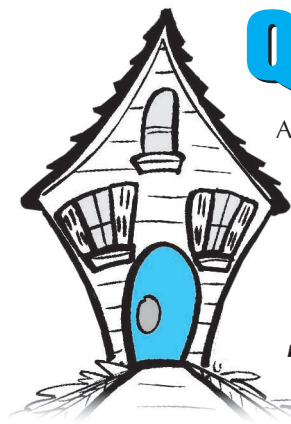
Fuel costs are high! You feel it at the gas pump, the grocery store, everywhere. You have the power to do something about it and we want to help.

City of Tallahassee Utilities recently launched **Energy Smart Plus (e+)**. **e+** is the City's commitment to our customers and community to help you save energy, save water and save money by providing programs, easy to use tools, technology and information. Helping our customers develop good energy saving habits will not only save money, but will also protect and improve our environment in the long run.

We are actively promoting all of our **e+** programs, including rebates on energy efficient appliances, low interest loans, and more! **e+** provides plenty of helpful conservation tips. Visit Talgov.com/you for energy saving tips, and remember, you can't change the price of fuel but with a few energy smart choices you can save energy, save water and save money.

Save Money By Saving Water, Too!

For more water conservation tips inside and outside your home, please visit Talgov.com/you.



Q and A: Saving Energy At Home

As the City focuses on helping you save energy, save water and save money, here are some frequently asked questions about home energy costs and savings.

Q: *In hot weather, which of my appliances contributes the most to my electric costs?*

A: Usually it's your central air conditioner, and not your stove, lights, refrigerator, clothes washer or clothes dryer.

Q: *Does it save money to set my air conditioner at one temperature and never change the thermostat setting?*

A: No.

- If no one is home on weekdays, you can save a lot by raising the thermostat temperature selection.
- Recommended AC settings are 78 degrees when you're home, and higher (80-85 degrees) when you're away.
- Set the thermostat carefully and accurately.
- In summer, higher thermostat settings cost you less; lower settings cost you more. Even one degree higher setting at the thermostat saves a lot in energy costs.

Q: *Does it really save energy if I turn off the lights as I leave a room?*

A: Yes. Make it a habit to turn off lights when you leave a room. And turn off ceiling fans, too. The fan's breeze cools your skin, but it doesn't cool the room or the furniture. If you leave the fan spinning in a vacant room, energy is wasted. And the fan's motor warms the room.

Q: *Is it worth it to buy screw-in Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) to replace my standard incandescent lamps?*

A: Yes.

- CFLs are widely available, and cost about \$2 or \$3 each (or less) when purchased in 4-packs, 6-packs or 8-packs.
- A 20-watt CFL shines as brightly as a 75-watt incandescent bulb, but uses one-fourth as much energy and lasts 10 times longer. At current electric rates, taxes included, a single 20-watt CFL saves about \$82 in energy costs over its 10,000-hour lifetime.

Q: *Is there someone I can call if I have questions about solar water heating, solar photovoltaic systems, efficient lighting, electric heat pumps and natural gas appliances?*

A: Yes. To speak to an energy expert, call 891-4YOU (4968), and press 4, then 1 to route directly to the City's Energy Services office. And for a wide variety of utility information online, check out the City's website at Talgov.com/you.

CALENDAR — **OCTOBER**

- 7** City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm (meeting on Tuesday due to observance of Yom Kippur)
- 15** City Commission workshop at 3:30 pm
- 20** Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting at noon
- 20** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency annual retreat (time and location TBA)
- 22** City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm
- 28** Joint City-County Comprehensive Plan 2008-1 adoption public hearing at 6 pm in the County Commission Chambers, fifth floor, Leon County Courthouse

All meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall (300 S. Adams St.), unless noted otherwise. Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. City Commission meetings are shown live on WCOT, the City's government access channel, Comcast Cable channel 13, and replayed the following Thursday at noon and 7:30 pm, and the following Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm. Call the Department of Communications at 891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda via the Internet at Talgov.com.

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