



The Rules of Yard Waste Disposal

This time of year typically means yard work for most Tallahassee utility customers, and that effort usually results in piles of yard waste left curbside for collection by City crews.

Yard waste refers to vegetative debris like tree trimmings, grass clippings, pine straw and leaves. Residential yard waste is collected at the curb in front of each residence every other week, according to your red or blue week schedule. To find your scheduled week, visit Talgov.com/YOU and click on the solid waste red/blue week banner, located on the bottom right of the page.

When placing yard waste materials for collection, here are the basic rules to follow:

- Place items within three feet of the curb and away from low-hanging wires or trees so the crane can reach them.
- Keep items to be collected away from other obstacles, such as mailboxes, fences, poles, vehicles, etc.
- Separate yard waste from bulky items to be collected as they are deposited in separate trucks.
- Place clippings, pine straw, leaves and other yard waste in heavy bags or boxes. Better yet, compost them for use in your garden.
- For shrubs and limbs, you may make one pile **per household** that measures 6 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. The maximum size for limbs is 6 feet long and 4 inches in diameter.
- Please note that the City will NOT collect tree trunks, cuttings, prunings, trimmings or large limbs from major tree maintenance work. The homeowner and/or tree maintenance company is responsible for the proper disposal of this debris.



For more information on yard waste collection or other solid waste services, visit Talgov.com/YOU or contact Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968).

Properly Dispose of Your Unused Medicines

The City of Tallahassee's Solid Waste Services reminds you that expired or unwanted medicines should **never** be disposed of by flushing down a toilet or drain. Instead, follow these practical guidelines from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection when disposing of prescription or over-the-counter household medicines.



- Keep medicines in the original container.
- Be sure to mark out your name and prescription number.
- For pills: add water or soda to start dissolving them. For liquids: add an inedible product such as cat litter or dirt.
- Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape.
- Place the bottle inside a container (non see-through) like a coffee can or plastic laundry bottle.
- Tape that container closed.
- Hide the container in the trash to avoid discovery by human or animal scavengers (do not place in your recycle bin).

For more information on the proper disposal of medicines or other household hazardous waste items, please visit Talgov.com/YOU.

For more information on your City government,

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For all City of Tallahassee utility-related inquiries, including account issues or to report outages, please call Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968) or visit Talgov.com.



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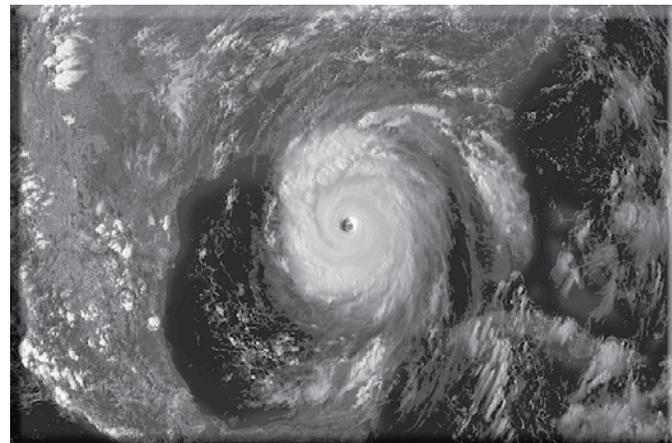




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Hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. While historically most named storms in the Atlantic basin occur during this period, the formation of tropical cyclones is possible at any time of the year, as illustrated by Hurricane Alex in January 2016. Forecasting services differ on predictions for the 2016 season, making it vitally important for Floridians to be prepared. It only takes one storm to devastate a community.

Having a hurricane plan for your home and family is essential. Visit www.ready.gov or www.floridadisaster.org to develop your personal plan, get helpful information and ensure you're prepared.



All residents should have personal evacuation plans. The City of Tallahassee reminds citizens who will need assistance or transportation during an evacuation because of age, disability or other special needs to please register NOW. All information you provide is confidential and protected under Florida Statutes. You may register by calling Leon County Emergency Management at 606-3700. The county also offers resources for building a personal plan at www.haveahurricaneplan.com.

Citizens can access information about local resources, like shelters, relief agencies and disaster training videos, at Talgov.com or cms.leoncountyfl.gov/ei. Additionally, a community preparedness fair will be held in mid-June. More information will be posted on the City and County websites closer to the event.

Keep Calm and Leash On

The extra daylight and warm breezes of spring in Tallahassee make this the perfect time to take your dog out to run and play with other four-legged friends at one of the City's dog parks.

The dog park in Tom Brown Park on Easterwood Drive was recently renovated and has two separate areas for your small or large dog to run and play. The dog park at San Luis Mission Park, located at 1560 San Luis Road, features one large fenced yard where your dog can really burn off energy. For more information about the City's dog parks, visit Talgov.com/parks.

Can't get to the dog park? Grab the leash and take your canine companion for a walk in your neighborhood, a stroll through Cascades Park or a jog on the Lafayette Heritage Trail. Wherever you decide to go with your furry friend, make sure to use a good, strong leash and collar at all times. The City's leash law prohibits letting dogs run loose on a public street, park or any public space - and doing so could result in a citation.

So, what are you waiting for? Get out there and enjoy the sunny days of spring and some quality time with your loyal -and leashed- companion, even if you only have 10 minutes. You will be rewarded with a chilled out, happy



dog, and it might help prevent your curious canine from wanting to get out of the yard to explore without you.

Find additional pet care tips at Talgov.com/LoveOurPets. While you're there, take the #LoveOurPets pledge to show your support for responsible pet ownership or simply share the hashtag #LoveOurPets on social media.

For more information about Tallahassee Animal Services, visit Talgov.com/animals. There, you can also view homeless pets currently available for adoption at the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center. You can also stay up-to-date by liking the Tallahassee Animal Services Facebook page.

JUNE CALENDAR

- 8 City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm
- 20 Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency meeting at 3 pm
- 20 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency meeting at 3 pm
- 20 City Commission budget workshop at 6 pm
- 22 City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm
- 23 Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting at 9:30 am

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 and CenturyLink channel 13). The meetings are rebroadcast the following Thursday at 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm and the following Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 pm. City Commission meetings are also streamed live online and are indexed and posted for viewing on Talgov.com. Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at Talgov.com. Follow City news on Twitter @COTNews.

