



### **ADOPT A TREE** AND SUPPORT THE URBAN FOREST CANOPY

Every year, the City of Tallahassee provides and plants trees for eligible homeowners to help cultivate the urban forest canopy through the Adopt A Tree program. The trees, depending on the species, are between five and eight feet in height and are species native or cultivars of native species to the southeast. Species available this year include Black Gum, American Hornbeam, Southern Red Cedar, Southern Magnolia and East Palatka Holly.

Eligible homeowners living within the City limits may request up to two trees to be planted in the front yard within 100 feet of the centerline of the public roadway and agree to keep each tree watered for one year.

Due to the vast destruction of neighborhood tree canopies during the May 10 tornadoes, an enhanced program is available during this program year for residents with properties located between Tennessee Street/Mahan Drive and Orange Avenue. Homeowners in these areas will be eligible to request up to five trees.

City staff will assist the homeowner with tree placement and installation. Tree planting will begin in December, and trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply today at **Talgov.com/AdoptATree**. Have a question about the program? Email AdoptATree@Talgov.com or call 850-891-5450.



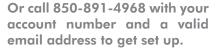


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This autumn, make a plan to keep falling leaves clear from storm drains and gutters. Leaf litter and grass clippings can be used to mulch flower beds, vegetable gardens and along fence lines to help prevent weed growth and improve soil health. Want an even easier option? Leave the leaves in place on your lawn, and they'll add nutrients and help retain soil moisture.

### Sign up today! Get your bill via email







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Fire moves quickly, and you might have less than two minutes to safely escape. A properly placed and working smoke alarm can help you get out in time.

At a minimum, place one smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and one on each level of your home. When choosing a smoke alarm, make sure yours fits the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and test monthly to be sure you hear the "beep."

When the clocks change twice a year, it's a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms, too. A periodic "beep" or "chirp" means the battery is low. Replace the battery immediately and don't remove or disconnect the battery before you have a replacement.

For more fire safety information from the Tallahassee Fire Department, visit **Talgov.com/Fire**.

# LEND A HELPING HAND OR HOME

With major shelter renovations underway, Tallahassee Animal Services is seeking adopters, fosters and volunteers to support our community's pets. Construction that will improve the quality of life for its furry visitors, boost operational efficiency and enhance the adoption experience is anticipated to last nine months. Learn more about ways to help local pets looking for their forever homes at **Talgov.com/Animals**.



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## **NEW FISCAL YEAR UNDERWAY**

The City of Tallahassee's new fiscal year began on October 1. OpenGov makes it easy to stay informed and involved with the budget process year-round. This tool (accessible at Talgov.com under "Our City") provides direct access to the City's financial information, including revenues and expenditures, allowing citizens to customize views, explore data and download reports. The City's robust budget process helps gauge community priorities, address current needs and plan for the future with ample opportunities for citizen input. More information is available on **Talgov.com**.





### **CURRENTLY HIRING FOR:**

Full time, part time and temporary positions including administrative, finance, technology, engineering, public safety, recreation and more!

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# MEETINGS IN

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**.

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