



Safety Is No Accident

Driving home in rush hour traffic. Taking an evening walk. Enjoying a weekend bike ride. The common thread for each of these is their connection to our transportation network. Every day, people move throughout Tallahassee in a variety of ways, and it's important that everyone understands their roles, pays attention and follows the rules of the road.

All road users should stay alert and avoid distractions, such as texting. Below are some safety tips for each role you might fulfill in our transportation system.

PEDESTRIANS

- Walk in well-lit areas.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing. At night, carry a flashlight.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If one is not available, walk as far away from the road as possible and face traffic.
- Cross at designated crosswalks. Push the button to activate the walk signal.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and continue to check both directions as you cross.
- Put phones and other devices down and take off headphones when crossing the street.

BICYCLISTS

- Turn on your front white light and red taillight in low-light conditions and at night. Red reflectors are also required.
- Choose well-lit routes.
- Wear a helmet – the brighter, the better.
- Bicycles on the road are vehicles; ride in the direction of traffic, not against it.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and lane markings. Alert drivers to your movements by signaling turns or merges.
- Yield to traffic when appropriate. It's better to be safe than to be right.

MOTORISTS

- Be alert! Pedestrians and bicyclists are part of the transportation network, too.
- Always stop on red and look for pedestrians and cyclists before making a right turn. Drivers must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Bicycles are legal vehicles. By law, you must leave at least 3 feet of space when passing them.
- Slow down! Speed is a major cause of fatal crashes.

Every crash, every injury and every fatality affects those involved, as well as their families, friends and community. Each of us can help create safer streets by sharing the road and being alert. For more information about the rules of the road, visit www.FDOT.gov or www.nhtsa.gov.

For more information about our local traffic network, visit Talgov.com.

Tallahassee is Proud to be a
Bicycle Friendly Community



Prepare Your Home

Hurricane season is the time to check that your home is sound. Review your insurance policy; seal your roof, windows and doors; and assess the health and fortitude of your trees. Get information about local preparedness resources at Talgov.com.

You may also want to consider purchasing a portable generator, especially if you have life-saving devices that rely on power. To help with the cost, homeowners can apply for a loan through the City's low-interest loan program. To be eligible, a transfer switch and interconnect agreement are required. Get full details by calling Customer Service at 891-4968.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

During the month of August, the City Commission is in recess; there are no scheduled meetings. As the meeting calendar can change during the month, please visit Talgov.com to view the most up-to-date schedule of all City meetings and events.

Call the Department of Communications at 891-8533 for more information. Follow @COTNews on Twitter for current City news.

Change for Change

Homelessness continues to be a reality for many children and families across our nation. Locally, the Change for Change program provides an easy way to help end homelessness for children and families in our community. By making a monthly contribution through your City Utilities account, you will help provide basic needs like food and shelter to Tallahassee families to help them get back on their feet again. For as little as \$2 a month, you can help change their lives and create positive changes in our community.

To sign up for the Change for Change program, visit Talgov.com or call 891-4968.



Store Water for Emergencies

While Tallahasseeans typically have daily access to some of the best tasting drinking water in the region, a hurricane has the potential to temporarily impact service. To guarantee your family is ready should the worst occur, drinking water is one of the most important items to have in your preparedness supplies.

Use these tips to ensure you have enough safe water during an emergency.

- Store enough water to last **at least** three days.
- Figure that each person in the house needs at least one gallon per day. People with special needs, such as nursing mothers, infants and family members with illnesses, will require more.
- Store water in high-quality plastic rather than glass containers, which can break, or paper cartons, which weaken over time.
- Make sure the container you use to store water has been washed and rinsed well before filling.
- If you have advanced warning of a disaster, fill sinks, bathtubs and all available containers with water.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit Talgov.com.

Take the Trolley!

The city center continues to evolve and prosper. To connect you and visitors with the vibrant districts near downtown, the City of Tallahassee offers a complimentary trolley service during evening hours on Fridays and Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information, visit Talgov.com/Trolley.

Neighborhood of the Year

Engaged neighborhoods make a strong community. In Tallahassee, roughly 200 associations and groups help build connections between neighbors. Last month, two were honored by the City of Tallahassee as the 2018 Neighborhood of the Year for their outstanding work to improve issues, beautify areas and create community. Congratulations to the large neighborhood, SouthWood Community Association, and the small neighborhood, Oak Knoll Estates. Additionally, Leslie Harris was recognized as the City's 2018 Neighbor of the Year for his individual contributions.

Get resources to help your neighborhood at Talgov.com.

WORD SEARCH

Topic: City Parks

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