

PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON



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As we have witnessed time and again during natural disasters, preparation is vital to a successful recovery. Hurricane season begins June 1. The City of Tallahassee urges residents to take the steps necessary to prepare and protect their families, property and pets. Below are tips to help.

- Having a hurricane plan for your home, family and business is essential. Consider everyone's needs to ensure they can remain safe, healthy and as comfortable as possible during and after a storm. When crafting your family's preparedness plan, include your pets, too.
- After making a plan, build a kit of supplies that you may need in the event of a disaster. Each person's and household's kit will be slightly different.

-Know how you will stay informed. The City will send email and text alerts to its utility customers during emergencies. Ensure your utility account contact information is current by calling 850-892-4968 or visiting Talgov.com/Update. In addition to direct customer contact, official City information will be posted online and on social media during emergencies. Bookmark Talgov.com, follow @CityofTLH on Twitter and like City of Tallahassee, FL – Government on Facebook (Facebook.com/CityofTLH). Local information will also air on 88.9 WFSU FM.

-Download the DigiTally, the City's free trouble reporting mobile app today.

While you are preparing, know that the City is doing the same. Front-line crews from every department train and plan year-round. Additionally, the City has doubled down on its disaster response training to ensure that – should they be needed – all City employees could be called upon to assist in response and recovery efforts.

That said, during a disaster, there may be a period of time when responders are unable to reach you. You are your best first line of defense, which is why we urge neighborhoods to prepare together. To help, the City offers the free PREP toolkit, which is available for download at Talgov.com/PREP.

SPECIAL NEEDS? REGISTER NOW.

Hurricane Season is coming, and everyone should have a plan. Citizens who will need assistance with evacuation and sheltering because of age, disability or other special needs should consider registering for the Special Needs Shelter. All information you provide is confidential and protected under Florida Statutes. Special needs shelters are intended to provide, to the extent possible under emergency conditions, an environment that can sustain an individual's level of health. If you or a loved one require a high level of medical care or depend on electricity for life-sustaining medical equipment, you should consider

registering for the special needs shelter. Completing the Florida Special Needs Registry does not, however, automatically qualify the individual for a special needs shelter. Register online at <https://snr.flhealthresponse.com/>. For further assistance with registration, call Leon County Division of Emergency Management at (850) 606-3700.



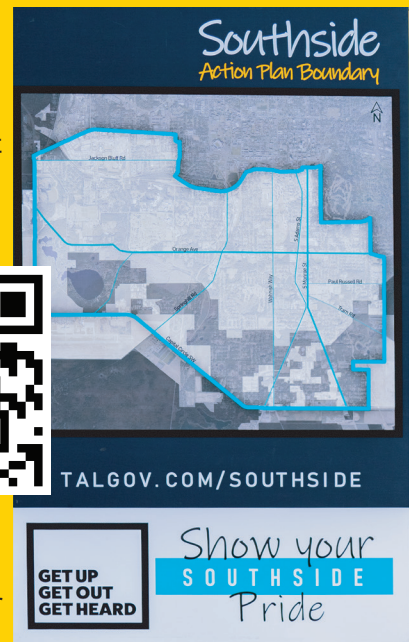
SHOW YOUR SOUTHSIDE PRIDE

Community engagement is guiding planning efforts for how to cultivate a more livable and sustainable future for Tallahassee's Southside. Following a year of gathering community input and area data, the draft Southside Action Plan is ready for review.

It highlights and organizes the top priorities expressed by area residents and stakeholders, while also providing possible paths forward. The largest number of survey responses across all forms of community input fell into three main categories: Beautification, Investment and Engaged & Activated Citizens.

To build momentum, the plan identifies how a focus on smaller-scale, timely, community-involved projects should take place to complement larger investments that are happening. It also notes the importance of showcasing these efforts.

The Southside Action Plan is on the verge of its next phase. Southside residents and stakeholders are encouraged to review and provide feedback on the draft plan to ensure their vision is met. Visit Talgov.com/Southside to participate.



Sustainability Tip

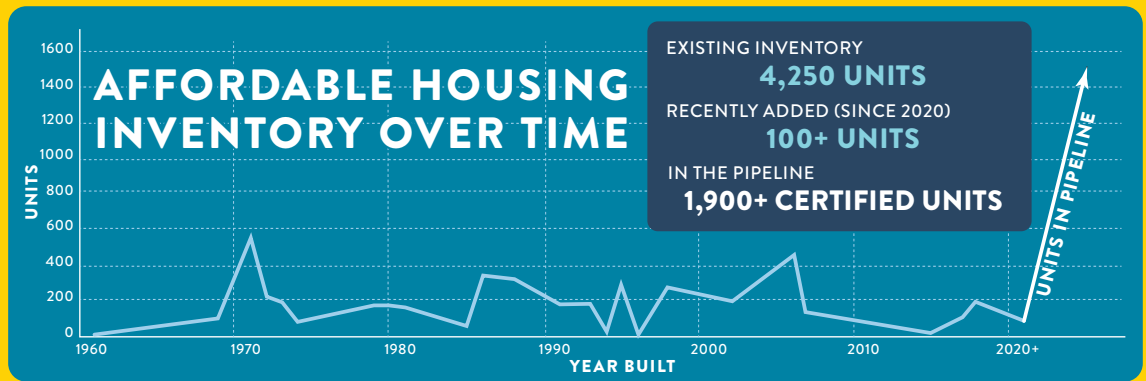
In hot weather, set your AC thermostat to 78 degrees or your highest comfortable temperature. For the AC's fan setting, always choose AUTO; never choose ON.



GROWING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing is a strategic priority for the City of Tallahassee. Using a variety of tools and strategies to address local needs, the affordable housing stock in Tallahassee is growing. Learn more via the City's interactive housing dashboard at Talgov.com/Housing.

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