

INSIGHT

How You Dispose of HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MATTERS

The City of Tallahassee is committed to preserving the charm and natural beauty of our city. To help in this venture, it's important that residents know the proper ways to dispose of household hazardous waste materials.

Household hazardous waste is classified as any form of waste that poses a threat to human health and/or the environment. These items can be flammable, corrosive, reactive or toxic.

Many common household products, such as herbicides, solvents and paints, are considered household hazardous waste because they cause serious impacts if they're improperly disposed of through the garbage or drain. It might surprise you to learn that automotive fluids, batteries, cooking oil, light bulbs, medical waste (like medicines and syringes), aerosol cans, propane tanks and tires are all considered household hazardous waste.

On **Talgov.com**, there is a comprehensive list of items that are deemed household hazardous waste and information about how to properly dispose of them.

In most cases, household hazardous waste can be taken to the Leon County Solid Waste Facility, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway, for disposal.

Twice a year, the City offers Cash for Trash, which is a community-wide event that allows utility customers with an active garbage account to earn a \$5 bill credit by turning over their household hazardous waste and other bulky items for disposal by the City. Events are held the third Saturday of each April and October; information is available on **Talgov.com**.

Improperly disposing of household hazardous waste could be detrimental to our community. Not only does it put sanitation crews and equipment at jeopardy, but it also has the potential to adversely affect our air, soil and groundwater.

As a community, it's up to all of us to do our part in keeping our city clean. By knowing which items are household hazardous waste and properly disposing of them, we can ensure the cleanliness of our community and our environment – helping to keep Tallahassee a place we all love to call home.

Coming in May

- 9 City Commission Workshop at 1 p.m.
- 9 Regular City Commission meeting at 4 p.m.
- 15 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board retreat at 1:30 p.m.
- 23 City Commission Workshop at 1 p.m.
- 24 Community Redevelopment Agency board meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- 28 **Memorial Day holiday**; administrative offices closed (City service schedules change during holiday weeks. Visit **Talgov.com** for information.)

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For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquiries, please call 891-4968 or visit **Talgov.com**.

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 and rebroadcast on WCOT, the City's government access channel (Comcast Cable and CenturyLink channel 13). 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 information, or you may view the current City Commission agenda online at **Talgov.com**. Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.

Thank You, 911!

The second full week of April is celebrated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Locally, these professionals provide the steady, reassuring voice on the other end of the line when you dial 911. The Consolidated Dispatch Agency (CDA) provides a lifeline, connecting the public and first responders and ensuring the right help quickly gets to residents during their time of need. Each interaction is an opportunity to make a difference and perhaps to save a life. Take a moment this month to thank these dedicated public servants. Learn more about the CDA at tlccda.org.

National Fair Housing Month

The City of Tallahassee supports fair housing and recognizes April as National Fair Housing Month. It is illegal to consider race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability in housing decisions. If you have been denied your housing rights, you may have experienced unlawful discrimination. For more information, please visit Talgov.com or call 891-8290.

Call Before You Dig

Tackling an outdoor project? At least two days, but no more than five days, prior to digging, call 811 - the Call-Before-You-Dig hotline. Professional utility locators will locate and clearly mark buried utility lines. When lines are marked, you will notice color sprayed on asphalt and/or grassy areas. These are used, in addition to flags, to indicate the exact locations of underground utility lines. For more information, visit sunshine811.com, www.call811.com or Talgov.com/YOU.

Take The Tally Trees Survey

More than half of Tallahassee is covered with trees, according to a recent Urban Tree Analysis. The community's iconic canopy has grown significantly over the years, and the City of Tallahassee wants your help to ensure the urban forest is healthy and properly managed for future generations. A community focused survey is available for your input at Talgov.com/TallyTrees. You can learn more and submit feedback by visiting Talgov.com/TallyTrees, sending an email to TallyTrees@Talgov.com or calling 850-891-6415.

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YOUR CITY CROSSWORD

This Month's Topic: **Bikes**

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- ACROSS**
- 4) Cycle sport created when cyclists used motocross tracks. One located at Tom Brown Park.
 - 6) Path adjacent to this new corridor lets cyclists ride from Franklin Boulevard to St. Marks.
 - 7) To repair something that is broken or damaged
 - 8) A competition between cyclists (or runners, horses, etc.)
 - 11) A maneuver in a sport or game
 - 12) Number of feet that drivers are required to give cyclists when passing them
 - 14) Consistent and continuous speed
 - 16) This four-wheel public transport vehicle has space available for your bike
 - 18) A cycling outfit that includes shorts or bibs, a jersey, and even socks, shoes and a cap
 - 20) The part of the bicycle that holds the front wheel
 - 21) This hop is a bicycle trick where arms and legs are used to jump the bike off the ground
- DOWN**
- 1) A hard or padded protective hat
 - 2) Another word for bike seat
 - 3) The center cylinder of a bicycle wheel that allows the wheel to rotate around one point
 - 4) New York Stock Exchange letters for the world's largest aerospace company
 - 5) Use to show something belongs to you
 - 8) Tires for this type of bike come in three styles: clincher, tubular and tubeless.
 - 9) Common bicycle valve type noted as SV or this. Used with rims with larger valve hole.
 - 10) A 100-mile ride
 - 13) Designated place for cyclists to lock up their bikes outside
 - 14) While not common, these are used primarily to perform stunts on motocross bicycles
 - 15) The vowels in order between A and O
 - 16) Double up this word to make a piece of candy, especially one covered with chocolate
 - 17) Initials of the Irish professional road bicycle racer who won the 1988 Vuelta a España
 - 19) Shortened name of the disease once known as consumption
 - 20) In the early 1900s, the __ Chainless bicycle (aka Acatene or shaft driven bicycle) was made by a company better known as an arms manufacturer

Answers available at Talgov.com/cheater