CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

INSIGHT

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GROW THE URBAN FOREST CANOPY

Every year, the City of Tallahassee provides and plants trees for eligible homeowners to help cultivate the urban forest canopy. The trees, depending on the species, are between five and eight feet in height and are native, or cultivars of native species, to the southeast. Eligible homeowners living within the City limits may request up to four 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. City staff will assist the homeowner with tree placement and installation.

Tree species offered this year include:



The Bald Cypress is a remarkable tree known for thriving in both wet and dry conditions. Native to the southeastern United States, it can live for hundreds of years and grow more than 100 feet tall. One of its most distinctive features is its "knees," woody structures that often rise from the roots in wet areas. These long-lived trees provide valuable habitat for birds, wildlife and aquatic creatures, making them an important part of Southern wetlands and landscapes.

The American Sycamore is one of the largest and most distinctive trees in North America, often growing more than 100 feet tall with massive trunks and broad, spreading crowns. Sycamores are commonly found along rivers, streams and floodplains, where their deep roots help stabilize soil. With their impressive size, unique bark and ability to thrive in wet areas, American Sycamores are truly one of the Southeast's most eye-catching native trees.





Green Ash is a hardy, fast-growing native tree known for its graceful, upright form and bright green, compound leaves. It can reach heights of 50–70 feet and is commonly found along streams, wetlands and low-lying areas. An important food and habitat source for wildlife, Green Ash has long been valued as a shade tree.

Tree planting begins in December, and trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find more details and submit your application at **Talgov.com/AdoptATree**.

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY

A free energy audit from the City of Tallahassee is one of the best ways to help identify opportunities to save energy, water and money.

An energy auditor from the City of Tallahassee Utilities will check recent and past energy and water consumption records and inspect everything that affects your home or business energy and water usage: insulation, appliances, heating, cooling, filters, ductwork, doorways, water heaters, thermostat settings, windows, electronics, pumps, shower heads and more. The auditor will review their findings with you, diagnose problems that may cause high operating costs and make recommendations for energy and water saving improvements. Learn more about how to schedule your free energy audit at **Talgov.com/EnergyAudit**.



GIVE CAMPAIGN YARD SIGNS A SECOND LIFE



After election season, the plastic and metal used for campaign yard signs can take on a new role through recycling. From Nov. 4 through Dec. 4, campaign and business yard signs, with the metal stakes still attached, can be dropped off in yellow bins at the following locations:

- City of Tallahassee Beautification & Waste Management Facility, 2727 Major James Morgan Jr. Way
- Leon County Elections Center, 2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy
- Leon County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site, 1800 N. Blair Stone Road
- Marpan Recycling, 323 Marpan Way

In 2024, sign recycling kept 2,289 pounds of material out of the waste stream locally. The 2026 Campaign and Yard Sign Recycling program is sponsored by the League of Women Voters Tallahassee, the City of Tallahassee, Leon County Supervisor of Elections, Leon County Government and Marpan Recycling.

SEWER MAX RATE

Every April, the City of Tallahassee resets your residential Maximum Sewer Charge based on your prior winter's water usage. The City calculates your Sewer Max based on the highest month of metered water usage as billed from December through March, when most customers used the least amount of water. Smart water choices during the winter months can help you save all year. For more information, visit **Talgov.com/YOU**.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH SENIOR SERVICES

Stay booked and busy this holiday season with festive events from Tallahassee Senior Services! Find details about special events including Deck the Halls and holiday music featuring the Capital City Band, Senior Singers and Capital Chordsmen throughout December at Facebook.com/TallahasseeSeniorCenter or visit **Talgov.com/Seniors** to sign up for Senior Services news.







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MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Visit Talgov.com for the current list of Tallahassee City Commission meetings and workshops, as well as to access agendas online.
Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information.