

# INSIGHT

### PREPARE NOW FOR HURRICANE SEASON

As we have witnessed time and again during natural disasters, preparation is vital to a successful recovery. As we gear up for hurricane season, which runs from June 1 through November 30 each year, the City of Tallahassee urges residents to take the steps necessary to prepare and protect their families, property

and pets.

The City and its employees take preparing for hurricane season very seriously. We live in this community and depend on City services as well. Thanks to City employees, you have nearly 4,000 neighbors trained, ready and willing to help. From the first warning through the final stages of recovery, the City will work to ensure core services are as functional as possible. We urge you to prepare, too.

Hurricane preparedness doesn't have to be overwhelming. Start building your preparedness kit before a storm is in the forecast so you don't forget items when time matters most. As we near the beginning of hurricane season, now is the time to check your supplies, update your plan and take simple actions to keep yourself, your loved ones and your pets safe. Preparing today can make a big difference when it counts."

- Brian Bradshaw, City of Tallahassee Emergency Management

To help guide residents, the City of Tallahassee offers its Neighborhood Plan for Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) program and the free PREP toolkit, which is available for download at **Talgov.com/PREP**.

While you are preparing, know that the City is doing the same. Front-line crews from every department train and plan year-round. They inspect infrastructure, check resources, review best practices from peer agencies and ensure the City is prepared to respond should the need arise locally or as part of mutual aid for neighboring communities.

Additionally, over the past few years, 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 – from internal logistics supporting field crews to opening community comfort stations for the public.



Scan the QR Code to Download the Step by Step Prep Guide



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## TALLAHASSEE NAMED 2025 ALL-AMERICA CITY FINALIST

The City of Tallahassee has been named a 2025 All-America City finalist by the National Civic League following a rigorous assessment based on criteria such as shared vision, citizen engagement, inclusivity and equity, collaboration, innovation and impact. For over 75 years, the All-America City Award has highlighted and celebrated outstanding civic innovation, recognizing communities that harness the power of local collaboration to drive meaningful change. Each year, only 10 communities earn this prestigious honor. Tallahassee was first recognized as an All-America City in 1999 and earned it again in 2015.

"We are a dynamic, forward-thinking community where passionate residents come together to create a sustainable future for all. Earning our third All-America City designation would be an incredible honor, and I'm excited to showcase Tallahassee's strengths—our unique culture of collaboration and our shared dedication to continually enhancing the quality of life that makes us truly stand out."

- City of Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey

The focus of this year's All-America City Award is on strengthening environmental sustainability through inclusive community engagement. The City of Tallahassee highlighted key community-driven initiatives including the Southside Action Plan, the expansion of the park system to 100 parks and the Clean Energy Plan.

"Communities thrive when all residents have a voice in the policies and decisions that shape their lives. This year's finalists are leading the way by removing barriers to participation and implementing programs that foster sustainability, resilience and inclusive engagement," said Doug Linkhart, President of the National Civic League.

Next month, a team of residents, nonprofit, business and government leaders will tell the City's story to a jury of nationally recognized civic leaders. The event is every bit as much about learning and networking across the 20 finalist communities as it is about competing for the coveted All-America City title. For more information about the National Civic League and the All-America City Award, visit NationalCivicLeague.org.



The heat is on – outside. Indoors, it's time to set your AC thermostat to 78 degrees or your highest comfortable temperature. Consider installing a smart thermostat for increased energy savings, and for the AC's fan setting, always choose AUTO; never choose ON.

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