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# Tarpon Springs Police Department

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## Crime Watch Newsletter



*Don't let your gifts be known to thieves.*

The day after Christmas is a time to start cleaning up the pile of boxes from your gifts. However, if you received a large screen television, a new computer, or anything that would make the not so nice want to break into your home. Don't put the whole box out for the trash. You should break it down and put it into a trash bag. Do not give thieves an opportunity outside to see what is inside your home!

Using recycle is a great way to get rid of those boxes. The city has many recycle bins.



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**Make your home look lived in: Put lights, radios, and TVs on variable timers. Have someone stay inside your home for a while each day if possible.**

**Have a trusted neighbor/friend/family member check on your home daily and collect your mail.**

**If you're leaving a vehicle outside your house, have someone move its position periodically, to make it appear as if it is being used.**

**Lock-up tools, BBQs and ladders and make sure they are out of sight; set and test your timers; lock and check doors and windows; and leave shades and blinds in normal positions.**

**Turn off the telephone ringer so no one knows your home is unoccupied (and don't leave outgoing phone or e-mail messages saying you are away).**



### **Fireplaces and Woodstoves**

**Inspect and clean woodstove pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions.**

**Never burn trash, paper, or green wood.**

**Use a fireplace screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks.**

**Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.**

# Safety tips for party goers.

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Do not leave your drink unattended when at parties or other social events, to avoid the risk of someone altering it.

Never drink and drive – and convince others to do the same.

If going to a holiday party, pre-arrange transportation to ensure a safe ride home (taxi cabs, designated drivers, public transportation)

When leaving a licensed establishment, ensure you and your friends get home safely. Do not walk outside by yourself.

Always let friends or family know where you plan on going for the evening, and be accountable for notifying them when you are home safely.

When taking a cab, note the company and number on the vehicle for accountability purposes and to track it down in case you leave something behind.

Always be aware of your surroundings. Stay in busy, well-lit areas and avoid dark, deserted places. If you are suspicious of someone, trust your instincts and scream or use a personal emergency alarm to attract attention.

Stay in groups when travelling to and from a venue, at a function, or taking public transit and taxi cabs.



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# THINGS TO DO

## Light up the Bayou

December 24, 2018, 6 pm—12am



## Epiphany and Glendi

Sun, January 6, 2019, 12pm – 6pm

Craig Park, Tarpon Springs

## Arts and Crafts Festival

Sat, Sun and Monday January 19--21st, 2019, 10am – 6pm

Dodecanese Boulevard,

Tarpon Springs Merchant's Association

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Sat, January 19, 2019, 11am – 3pm

Dorsett Park, E Harrison St



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