



# Tarpon Springs Police Department

*Building a Better Future Through Excellence in Policing*



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## Crime Watch Newsletter

### A FEW SPRING BREAK SAFETY TIPS

You are less likely to become a victim in a group. Be a good friend; keep your friends from making poor decisions.

Know how you're getting back before you go out.

Avoid wearing expensive clothing and jewelry.

Do not draw unwanted attention to yourself.

Do Not carry large amounts of cash and credit cards.

If staying in a hotel many have safes in the rooms or at the front desk, keep your valuables in them.

When staying in a hotel request a room above the first floor. So thieves don't have easy access to your room.

#### Alcohol Laws

All States the drinking age is 21.

All States have laws against drinking and driving.

All States have laws against open containers in a vehicle.

Most cities in the US have laws about where the consumption of alcohol is allowed.

Just because you have heard friends talk about what they did at spring break does not mean that it is legal, and if you try to do it, you might get caught.

Most jurisdictions will hold an individual who lives out state (even for a misdemeanor) in jail until you appear before a judge or until you can post a cash bond. You could also be required to go back to the jurisdiction where you were charged for court.

Watch out for children playing in streets

Do not take your eyes off of small children at the beach or near pools.



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# COMMON SCAMS

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**Attorney General Bondi Warns of Common Scams in Recognition of National Consumer Protection Week**  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Pam Bondi is warning Floridians about common scams in recognition of 2018 National Consumer Protection Week. Scammers often target Florida because of its large senior population, military bases and millions of tourists. Tax scams and vacation rental scams are also common during this time of the year.

“My office will continue to work tirelessly to fight fraud and protect Floridians from consumer-related scams, and we need you to join us in this effort.” said Attorney General Bondi. “This National Consumer Protection Week I urge Floridians to learn how to spot scams and what to do if you are targeted.”

Some common types of scams reported in Florida include:

**Tech Support:** Fraudulent pop-up ads claiming a computer is infected with malware that can be eliminated by calling the tech support number on the ad. If a consumer calls the number, the scammer will try to take remote control of the computer and hold it for ransom. For more information, [click here](#).

**IRS Tax Scams:** Scammers will call impersonating an IRS official and threaten to arrest or take legal action against a consumer for back taxes, unless the victim immediately wires funds or provides a pre-paid debit card number.

**Illegal Robocalling:** Pre-recorded messages pitching a product or seeking financial information. Often the number is spoofed, or changed using software, to appear to be from a reputable company or charity.

**Vacation Rental Scams:** Fake internet postings advertising a vacation rental property not owned by the scammer. The goal is to steal the tourist’s deposit by leading them to believe they have booked a hotel or vacation house.

**Military Scams:** Scammers will target military members, veterans and their families promising exclusive discounts or other deals related to military service, benefits or charity. In 2017, Attorney General Bondi created the Military and Veterans Assistance Program to identify and stop scams targeting the military.

Floridians can report these scams or other fraudulent business practices to the Florida Attorney General’s Office by calling (866) 9NO-SCAM or filing a consumer complaint online at [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com)

Since taking office in 2011, Attorney General Bondi’s Consumer Protection Division has recovered more than \$10 billion for Floridians and consumers nationwide. Today, Attorney General Bondi will be reaching out directly to Floridians with Consumer Protection Tips on Twitter. To follow the Attorney General’s Twitter campaign visit [Twitter.com/AGPamBondi](https://twitter.com/AGPamBondi).

# SPRING CLEAN UP !

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## SPRING CLEAN-UP

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

The City of Tarpon Springs offers this service to  
City Residents that pay for residential  
curbside garbage service on their  
City of Tarpon Springs utility bill.

### PLACE ITEMS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING AT THE CURB BY 7:00AM:

Furniture, Mattresses, Small Bulky Household Items  
Carpet & Padding (cut & bundle in 4' sections)  
Oven, Washer, Dryer, Microwave

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

Tires, Yard Waste, Propane Tanks, Air Conditioning Units  
Construction Material over 4'  
Refrigerators, Freezers, NO Electronics or Chemicals

### USED TIRES, NO RIMS!

As part of this special clean-up service, the City of Tarpon Springs Will accept used tires at the  
Yard Waste Facility

898 S Levis Ave

727-943-0067

On Friday, April 20th from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 21st from 7:00 a.m. until Noon!

You must bring your City of Tarpon Springs Utility bill along with your driver license.

You may bring no more than 4 tires off the rim per household. Over 32" must be cut in half.

# THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

Spring break for Pinellas schools begins March 24-April 1

Fine Arts Festival March 24, 9am – 5pm Craig Park, Tarpon Springs

Easter Egg-stravaganza Sat, March 24, 10am – 1pm

Where: Tarpon Springs Sports Complex

Description: Hop on over to the sports complex for a spectacular egg hunt. We will have children's activities, crafts, bounce houses and more!

Fee: FREE

Fine Arts Festival Sun, March 25, 9am – 5pm

Where: Craig Park

Sunset Beach Concert Thu, April 5, 7pm – 9pm Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs

Fee: Free

## Fire Safety for Children.

- Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching children that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Teach children not to pick up matches or lighters they may find. Instead, they should tell an adult immediately.
- Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles, even for a short time.
- Check under beds and in closets for burned matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.



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