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City of Cedar Key holds Annual Hurricane Day



John Polk with Central Florida Electric Cooperative demonstrates electric current flow that has the potential to be harmful during the Cedar Key Annual Hurricane Day on May 30.

Story and Photos

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CEDAR KEY -- The City of Cedar Key held the Annual Hurricane Day at the Cedar Key Community Center on May 30.



John Caddigan of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 15 discussed water safety at the Annual Hurricane Day held in Cedar Key on May 30.

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Personnel from Levy County Mosquito Control were happy to discuss preventative measures such as dumping any standing water around property that could become a breeding habitat for mosquitos. From left to right: Chuck Vanorder, Steve Keith and Nomar Trinidad



Levy County Emergency Management team members Planner Leatha Keene and Assistant Director David Peaton helped sign up residents with the emergency notification system. Visit www.levydisater.com or call 352-486-5213 to register.

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Jason Matchet, EMT and Steadman McLean, Firefighter were happy to discuss residents' concerns during the Annual Hurricane Day held in Cedar Key on May 30.



Howell E. 'Trip' Lancaster III with Waste Pro discussed the importance of securing garbage cans during a hurricane.

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Cedar Key deputy City Clerk Crystal Sharp signed residents up for reentry passes and distributed golf cart decals. Property owners on the island could receive the pass at request and renters are required to submit a written notice from landlords. The city encourages anyone living on the island to get the reentry pass prior to hurricane or storm surge.



Red Cross representative Adelina Ramos displays smoke alarm provided free to residents. Visit [FireCampaignNEFL@redcross.org](https://www.firecampaignnefl.org) or call 352-376-4669 to get a free smoke alarm installed and learn tips on fire prevention.

Representatives from many organizations participated in helping residents prepare for the hurricane season with information as well by assisting them with signing up for services.

Cedar Key Deputy Clerk Crystal Sharp distributed reentry passes to city residents, business owners, employees and certain others.

New passes have been created for 2019. They are required for entry onto the island when conditions are restricted. There are three types of passes available -- residents, business owners and employees, and volunteers/workers. Renters are required to obtain written notice from the landlord

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to receive a reentry pass.

One item that may be overlooked during hurricane preparations is securing a garbage can. Howell E. "Trip" Lancaster III with Waste Pro said homeowners often forget to put away the trash container which can float or blow away. The cost of replacement trickles down to the consumer and company both.

Homeowners and renters also can request a free smoke alarm provided by local fire departments or the Red Cross, email request to FireCampaignNEFL@redcross.org or call 352-376-4669.

In addition to alarm installations, a volunteer will work directly to share tips on how to prevent a fire, complete a home safety checklist and help develop a fire escape plan.

Levy County Emergency Management recommends having a fully stocked disaster supply kit prepared on hand. Basic supplies include water, food, a first aid kit, tools and emergency supplies, tools and emergency supplies, clothing, toiletries, bedding and valuable papers, documents and keys.

Helpful Website Links

Emergency Notification System Sign Up – Click [HERE](#).

Don't want to sign up online? Contact Levy County Emergency Management Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sign up over the phone -- no computer required. Call 352-486-5213.

Special Needs Sheltering Registry click [HERE](#).

County Emergency Management Website <https://levydisaster.com/>

Local Weather Stations <https://levy.weatherstem.com/>

The message shared by all the community organizations attending the Annual Hurricane Day was to be prepared before the storm, as well as have a plan in case evacuation is required.