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Hurricane Preparedness Program at EOC May 29 *Learn Local Procedures & Resources to Prepare for a Storm*

Preparing for a Storm Tuesday, May 29th

A free hurricane preparedness program is being sponsored by UF/IFAS-Okaloosa Extension and Okaloosa Emergency Management. These will be held at the Okaloosa Emergency Operations Center (Niceville NWFSC campus) on Tuesday, May 29th. There will be lots of opportunities to learn more about preparing for a storm!

- **2:00-3:30 p.m. Pre-Disaster Housing:** This workshop will be led by Dr. Randy Cantrell, UF, and is designed for local officials, construction industry and concerned citizens.
- **5:00-6:00 p.m. Wind Mitigation Workshop,** presented by Building Industry Association. Learn from experts on DIY Wind and Hurricane mitigation techniques to safeguard your home
 - *Hurricane Mitigation: Tools and Techniques to Keep Your Home Safe .*
 - *Gable-End Bracing Techniques .*
 - *Properly Securing Soffits .*
 - *Selecting Roof Coverings to Minimize Wind-borne Debris and Water Damage*
 - *Strengthening Roof Sheathing and Decking .*
 - *Hurricane Clips and Straps .*
 - *Securing Opening Protection—exterior doors, garage doors, and windows .*
 - *Storm Preparation and Landscaping tips to mitigate damage*
 - *Installing Temporary Emergency Shutters*
 - *Learn about potential insurance premium savings available for implementing DIY Wind Mitigation measures within your home.*
- **5:00-6:00 Displays and exhibits** on tools and steps to take when preparing for the upcoming hurricane season.
- **6:00-8:00“Preparing for a Storm”** seminar will focus on preparation methods for the upcoming hurricane season. Topics include homeowner’s insurance, storm-resilient landscapes, home preparation, managing pets during a storm, clean up safety and special information for military families.

To assist us in planning, please pre-register for these free programs by calling 850-689-5850 or via email: lboutwell@co.okaloosa.fl.us

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