

City of Cedar Key

The Island City

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The City of Cedar Key is requesting your cooperation to assist us with expediting recovery of our community from the impacts of Hurricane Idalia. As you should be aware, properties in flood zones designated on our flood maps that were damaged by wind, water, fallen trees or other factors must be inspected before we can issue building permits for repair, reconstruction, or other improvements. In accordance with the Florida Building Code and our flood damage prevention regulations, we must determine whether the damage meets the definition of “substantial damage.”

The process we’ve developed to achieve efficient, orderly and responsive permit review begins with damage inspections. Therefore, we ask that you allow our staff, or staff of other agencies such as State, FEMA, or private contractors working on our behalf, to access and inspect your damaged building. These authorized staff carry a “right of entry” document and their agency identification and must show them to you before you let them access your property.

The preliminary damage inspections are limited to evaluating the extent of damage to foundations, roofs, windows and doors, siding, installed appliances, electrical and plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and walls and floors. Inspections are required to assess the condition of the building and determine the work required to repair the building to its pre-damaged condition. Once we have inspected your property and the results recorded in our database, we will send you a letter with the results and explain any requirements that may apply.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to allow our community inspectors to assess the condition of your property, which will help you and the community move forward as quickly as possible with the permitting and repair of your building.

If you have any questions about this process or the inspectors, please contact us immediately by calling the City of Cedar Key Building Department at 352-543-5132

Thank you for your cooperation and support to help our community to recover from Hurricane Idalia.

Sincerely,

Jack Fahey
Building Official / Floodplain Administrator/ CFM