

## **Coconut Telegraph**

**September 2025**

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**Thanks to the work of David Haynes, LGI can now drop off trash at the transfer stations. The cost to an owner on LGI is (\$10.00) ten Dollars per truck (load). This was the best way to resolve the issue since we do not pay a yearly fee for trash removal. Palm Island pays \$500.00 per year, and the mainland pays \$350.00. (submitted by Richard)**

**Did you see this article in the Gulf Coast News about the struggle with insurance claims on barrier islands? Check out the link below.**

(submitted by Richard)

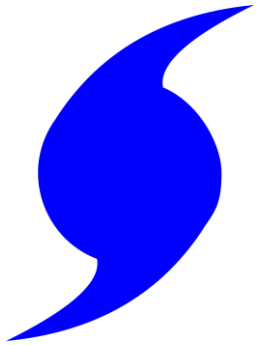
<https://www.gulfcoastnewsnow.com/article/barrier-island-hurricane-insurance-claims-florida/65607269>

**North End News** (submitted by Laurie)



- **A good portion of the north end of LGI is getting cleaned up with the help of Glen and his crew! Thanks for all that you do.**
- **Four hundred sea oats were purchased and planted on the dunes of Dock 17- Beach Way about two months ago.**





**With the hurricane season now here, Fire Chief Bill wants to remind everyone about these items.**

- **Remember to use generators safely, due to carbon monoxide poisoning.**
- **Make sure you have extra medication, spare parts for oxygen machines, and other items you need for your personal well-being.**
- **He is in the process of gathering information from the county, which we will print when it becomes available.**



Please put this date on your calendar!

**Vicky, the BEE lady, and a representative from the Conservatory, will host a Bee Clinic on October 30 from 5:30-7:30 on Don Pedro Island. Please look for more information on LGI face book as the time draws near.**

(submitted by Brian)



**Since the storms, Iguanas are starting to appear on the island. We have always been relatively lizard free, but the floods may have washed them to us. We need to do our best to remove them as quickly as possible before they overrun the island (like they have on Boca Grande and the mainland).** (submitted by Richard)

## **What Is This?** (submitted by Laurie)

**Iguanas are not native to Florida and were probably introduced to our state during the 1970s. They are a nuisance due in fact to the lack of predators and the habitat destruction caused by them. The three types of iguanas are the Green, Mexican Spiny-Tailed, and Black Spiny-Tailed. Live traps, snares, noose poles, and nets are permitted in Florida to capture the iguanas. It should then be turned over to authorities for removal. FWC states that they can be killed with firearms with landowner permission. Follow firearm ordinances!**

Here are three great sites to find out more information.

[The 3 Invasive Iguanas in Florida: Guide with Pictures and Facts](#)

[Iguanas in Florida](#)

[Trapping Iguanas: A Guide to Removing Invasive Iguanas in Florida - Wildlife Removal Services of Florida](#)



Homeowners who capture other nonnative species and need help should call the FWC's Exotic Species Hotline at 888-Ive-Got1 (888-483-4681).



# ALL ABOUT THE IGUANAS IN FLORIDA



## GREEN IGUANA (*Iguana Iguana*)

Native to Central and South America

Grows over 5 feet and can weigh up to 15 pounds.

Females are capable of laying 45 eggs in every clutch.

Invasive to Florida and exceptionally destructive to its environment.



## MEXICAN SPINY-TAILED IGUANA (*Ctenosaura Pectinata*)

They can grow up to 3 to 4 feet long and weigh around 10 pounds

Breeds in spring and females lay up to 50 eggs per season

Butterfly populations suffer because they target flowering plants and their burrowing talent takes toll on the environment.



## BLACK SPINY-TAILED IGUANA (*Ctenosaura Similis*)

They are native to the rocky coasts of Mexico and Central America.

Fully grown males can reach over 4 feet long and can weigh over 10 pounds.

Females can lay up to 45 eggs in every clutch

They are the species that is most likely to appear on a homeowner's lawn



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Iguanas pose no threat to humans. They are not poisonous and they seldom attack or bite a human
- ✓ Green iguanas are illegal in Florida as of 2021

- ✓ Iguanas plow through plants because they seek moisture and their sharp teeth destroy vegetation, damaging any non-native environment.

- ✓ Florida only permits live traps and snares for capturing wild iguanas.



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