

## Celebrate electric cars during National Drive Electric Week

During National Drive Electric Week, Central Hudson joined electric auto enthusiasts across the region in celebrating the environmental and economic benefits of electric vehicles.

“Local events held during National Drive Electric Week offered opportunities for our customers to experience first-hand electric transportation, learn of their benefits and advantages, and consider how electric cars may be an option for them,” said Charles A. Freni, President and C.E.O. of Central Hudson. “Manufacturers offer more than 50 electric car models that are less costly and cleaner to drive than gasoline-powered vehicles,” he said. Plug-in electric vehicles can save 50 to 70 percent in operating costs, and the electricity produced to power the vehicles emits 60 to 85 percent fewer greenhouse gases and other pollutants than gasoline engines.

Freni explained that New York State has some of the boldest clean energy policies in the nation with the goal of reducing carbon emissions

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# SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

## Learn how to prepare for emergencies

National Preparedness Month reminds residents to plan for emergencies that could impact their families and communities. Central Hudson urges customers and communities to be prepared for the potential for severe weather and other significant events in order to keep safe before, during and after disasters strike.

“Unfortunately, recent hurricane activities affecting parts of the United States and the Bahamas underscore the importance of preparing before and knowing what to do during emergencies,” said Charles A. Freni, President and C.E.O. of Central Hudson. “As Central Hudson and local communities develop plans to prepare for disasters, we strongly recommend that residents are reminded to speak with their families about creating a

communications plan and prepare for any type of emergency.”

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has designated, “Prepared, Not Scared,” as the 2019 National Preparedness Month theme, and lists ways in which families can be ready for emergencies, including:

- Keeping some cash on hand in case of emergencies, since ATMs and credit card readers won’t always be available. Cash can help pay for immediate expenses like lodging, food and gas;
- Taking photographs of important documents and personal belongings to help you quickly file an insurance claim after storm damage; and

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# Prepare: Keep safe before, during and after disasters strike

- Assembling a basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:
  - » Water: One gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation;
  - » Food: At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food;
  - » Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert;
  - » Flashlight with extra batteries;
  - » First aid kit;
  - » Whistle to signal for help; and
  - » Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

In addition to the steps outlined by FEMA, customers should also:

- Pay close attention to weather forecasts, storm warnings and travel advisories;
- Ensure adequate supplies of prescription medications and other necessities;
- Keep vehicles refueled and ensure that they are in good working condition;
- Familiarize themselves in advance with the features of StormCentral

on Central Hudson's website;

- Sign up for text messaging at [www.CentralHudson.com/alerts](http://www.CentralHudson.com/alerts); and
- Visit the Central Hudson Facebook page and "like" it to obtain updates.

After storms and emergencies strike, customers should follow these safety measures:

- Stay at least 30 feet away from downed power lines, and lines which may be entangled and hidden in fallen trees. Assume all downed lines are live;
- Report any gas odors by calling 911 or 1-800-942-8274, as severe flooding has the potential to undermine pipelines;
- Avoid the use of candles for illumination;
- Follow all travel advisories, heed road closures and detours, and limit driving during and immediately following severe weather;
- Use extreme caution when entering flooded basements, as there may be a risk of shock if the home's or building's electric system is compromised;
- Follow the manufacturer's

safety instructions on the use of emergency generators, and be sure to shut off the main breaker when in use and operate the units outdoors; and

- Never use outdoor gas or charcoal grills indoors, as they pose a fire hazard and over time can give off deadly carbon monoxide gas. Use these appliances only outdoors with proper ventilation. Operate cars and motor vehicles outdoors only, and never in the garage.

More information on preparing for storms and emergencies and communicating with Central Hudson is available in the Storms & Outages section at [www.CentralHudson.com](http://www.CentralHudson.com); for information regarding electric and natural gas safety, visit [www.CentralHudson.com/Safety](http://www.CentralHudson.com/Safety); for more on National Preparedness Month, go to [www.Ready.Gov/September](http://www.Ready.Gov/September) or visit the American Red Cross at <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/national-preparedness-month>, or; and for important steps on creating a family communications plan, go to [www.Ready.Gov/Make-A-Plan](http://www.Ready.Gov/Make-A-Plan). ✨

## EV: New York aims for 800,000 EVs on the road by 2025

and addressing climate change. In order to meet the state's clean energy goals, addressing the transportation sector must be part of the solution as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles produces the highest, about one-third, of total emissions in the state. Electrifying transportation, particularly in New York due to its relatively clean electric generation sources, offers the benefits of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved sustainability, energy security and lower vehicle operating costs. "New York State is striving for 800,000 electric vehicles by 2025, and today with more than one million electric vehicles on the road in the United States, electric transportation is growing," said Freni.

Current incentives offered for the purchase of electric cars include a \$7,500 federal tax credit and rebates of up to \$2,000 through New York State. Electric vehicle owners have access to preferred parking, HOV lanes, toll reductions and other benefits. Central Hudson customers can learn about and purchase electric vehicle home chargers at the CenHub Store by going to [www.CentralHudson.com](http://www.CentralHudson.com). Central Hudson also provides an incentive for fast charger deployment in the state and offers an electric vehicle time-of-use rate incentive.

For more information on the benefits of electric vehicles, visit [www.CentralHudson.com/ElectricVehicles](http://www.CentralHudson.com/ElectricVehicles). For more about New York State's rebates



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