



# TIDINGS

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# KEEP OUR BEACHES SEA TURTLE-SAFE

From May 1 through October, our stretch of sand is home to thousands of unhatched sea turtle eggs, buried just beneath the surface. Sea turtles are a protected species. Help share the beach with these very special guests – and welcome their hardworking moms – with these sea turtle safety tips:

- Avoid unneeded light, noise and movement on the beach at night.
- Take all chairs, umbrellas and other gear in from the beach at night.
- Remove all litter from the beach, as sea turtles can mistake it for food, which can prove to be fatal.
- Never shine lights directly on a sea turtle. It will cause her to abandon her nest. Never use flash photography.
- Restrict or shield direct beachfront light from residences or landscapes.
- Do not light fires on nesting beaches at night.
- Never touch or disturb a nesting female, nests or emerging hatchlings.

**FLORIDA IS THE LARGEST NESTING AREA IN THE WORLD FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC OCEAN LOGGERHEAD!**

## ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

|                          | FEBRUARY        | MARCH           |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Base charge, residential | \$4.50          | \$4.50          |
| KWH base charge          | \$77.57         | \$78.57         |
| Power Cost Adjustment    | \$35.84         | \$33.84         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$117.91</b> | <b>\$116.91</b> |

## SAVE ENERGY, SAVE THE EARTH!

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, and it's the perfect time to show some love for the planet we call home. This month, and all year-long, Beaches Energy Services encourages everyone to celebrate Earth Day by taking steps toward conserving our natural resources. Here are some tips for at-home energy savings:

- Change out the most used incandescent light bulbs for energy-efficient LEDs.
- Consider investing in an ENERGY STAR® air conditioning system.
- Schedule to have your unit serviced by an HVAC professional.
- Change your HVAC filter and clean the outside coils.
- Clear plants, leaves and debris away from the outside unit to allow at least two feet of clearance.
- Seal leaks in your air handler.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Check your irrigation timer to make sure it is set properly.
- Repair any leaking faucets.
- Consider installing a rain barrel or cistern to capture rainwater from your roof to use in your yard.

**For more information on ways to help sea turtles survive, contact [www.bstp.net](http://www.bstp.net) or call Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol at 904-613-6081.**