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SAVE ENERGY THIS 4TH OF JULY

If you are planning to be away from your home during the holiday, don't forget to take these few easy steps at home before you leave:

Turn up your thermostat to 80 degrees. Energy experts agree that the energy saved from turning your thermostat up in the summer while you're away is greater than the energy used to cool your house back down after you return.

Close window blinds and shades to block out the sun's heat. It's amazing how much indoor heat simply comes from the heat of the sun through the windows.

Avoid wasting energy on unused electronics while you're away by unplugging them – including hand-held electronics that might be charging, such as phones, MP3 players, chargers, and even laptops.

Aside from those one or two lights that you may want to leave on for safety, make sure everything else is turned off – all lights, ceiling fans and other small appliances.

GET PROTECTION FROM ENERGY SURGES AT THE METER

A First Line of Defense: plugging appliances into home surge suppressors is a way to protect appliances from lightning strikes, which can surge electricity into power lines. A **meter-based surge arrester**—installed by Beaches Energy Services—stops the surge at the meter, before it enters your home. It handles surges greater than plug-in suppressors.

- **Computers and media equipment can be super-sensitive to surges.** Also, they usually have another electrical entry point, such as a telephone or cable line. We recommend that customers use high-quality plug-in suppressors for electronics.
- **Lightning surges can destroy expensive motorized appliances like refrigerators and air conditioning.** This program is offered to provide our customers with extra protection. The residential monthly charge of \$3.50 includes free installation, maintenance, and a limited damage warranty.

Electric services exceeding 200 AMPS, 12 S meters, or meters contained in a meter bank (multiple meters for example condo or apartment complexes) are not eligible for surge suppression. For information, call 904-247-6241 or go to www.beachesenergy.com.

BE SAFE AROUND NATURAL GAS

Suspect a leak? Take action!

- 1 LEAVE.**
If you ever detect a natural gas leak, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. Don't try to find or stop the leak.
- 2 DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING ELECTRICAL**
Leave the building immediately. Do not use a phone. Do not smoke. Do not turn appliances or lights on or off. Do not operate any vehicle or equipment that could create a spark.
- 3 CALL 911**
Once you are out of the suspected area, immediately call 911.

Beaches Energy is committed to keeping our customers safe. That's why we follow state and federal regulations while performing extensive quality control checks. We also make it a priority to keep you informed on how to recognize and prevent natural gas leaks.

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ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

	MAY	JUNE
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$78.57	\$78.57
Power Cost Adjustment	\$33.84	\$33.84
Total	\$116.91	\$116.91