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"We spent \$15 for a water heater wrap and 5 minutes to wrap it—tremendous savings."

— Norberto and Anna Benitez



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Ride the Green Wave

Norberto and Anna Benitez are Beaches Energy customers who asked for help with high bills in a new house. Anna: "We wrapped both of our water heaters. It's just insulation, pre-cut with tape—super simple." Norberto: "Beaches Energy was very helpful with tips. We also spent maybe 5 seconds closing the fireplace flu and 10 minutes on the pool pump timer. It was easy to save money."

Online Energy Audit

Energy Depot is an excellent online tool that gives Beaches Energy Services customers the power to conserve energy and save money. It's free and easy. Energy Depot provides step-by-step audit instructions and many resources to extend your energy knowledge and savings. Go to www.beachesenergy.com and click Online Energy Tools to explore:

Personal Energy Profile (Audit): You'll review your energy bills and answer questions about your household systems and practices. The Energy Depot provides your personal audit and recommendations.

Energy Calculator: This tool quickly finds the annual costs of operating different home appliances and energy systems.

Energy Library: Get more detailed explanations about your audit recommendations, as well as answers to other energy questions.

Energy Advisor: Can't find an answer in the Library? Email your question for a personal answer from an expert.



Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	March	April
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$73.57	\$73.57
Power cost adjustment	\$59.84	\$59.84
Total	\$137.91	\$137.91

Earth Days Global and Local

April 22 is Earth Day, a national celebration that began in 1970 and is now a worldwide show of support for our environment. April 25 and 26 celebrate the Opening of the Beaches, a fitting follow-up to Earth Day.



To plan some family Earth Day activities, visit www.earthday.gov. You'll find a link for kids, as well as ideas for the home (conserving, recycling, and more), the classroom (lessons and games), and the work site. Mark your calendar for the Beaches Sandcastle Contest on April 25 in front of Sea Walk Pavilion (time to be announced), and don't miss the Beaches Parade the next day at 2 p.m., downtown Jacksonville Beach. Spring is a great time to renew commitment to saving energy, protecting our planet, and keeping our beaches beautiful.

Tidings Tips: Water Heater Wisdom

This month's feature customers, Anna and Norberto Benitez, were wise to wrap their hot water heaters. This simple step can save 4–9% in water-heating costs for an electric storage-tank heater. Save even more like this:

- Set the water heater thermostat at 120°, never more than 130°. How hot is your water now? The Library at Energy Depot (www.beachesenergy.com) gives full instructions for measuring the water temperature and adjusting the thermostat.
- Storage-tank electric heaters keep water hot 24/7. Are you out most of the day? Buy a timer to turn the heater off and on to suit your schedule.
- If you leave home for two days, turn off the water heater at the circuit breaker.
- Insulate the pipe coming out of and into the water heater.