



## TIDINGS

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*"Beaches Energy has taught me how to conserve energy by setting my thermostat correctly—it's been quite a savings!"*

- Robin Doyle



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*Ride the Green Wave*

"I'm Robin Doyle, from Jacksonville Beach. When I noticed a spike in my monthly bill, I called Beaches Energy. They were immediately on top of it. Their energy audit showed me lots of simple, common sense tips to conserve energy—like when I leave the house during the day, I adjust the thermostat up or down and save. Beaches Energy cared as much about saving me money as I cared about saving my own money."

## Here's Help for Hurricane Preparation

Florida's six-month hurricane season begins June 1. Are you ready? Preparation is the key to safety for your family (and pets), and the Beaches Energy Services web site has excellent information to help you. Go to [www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com), Quick Links on the home page. If you do not have Internet access, please call us at 247-6241. The information covers these crucial areas:

Disaster kit checklist (supplies, documents to safeguard, etc.)

Evacuation information and routes

Shelters, including pet-friendly

Registration for the First Call Emergency Notification System (Beaches Energy Services will notify you of emergency evacuation plans via your land line or cell phone. Register online through the link at our site, or call 1-866-484-3264.)

Remember that if you have special needs for evacuation, or no transportation, you should be registered with your county's disaster office: Duval County Emergency Preparedness, 904-630-2472, [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net), or St. Johns County, 904-824-5550, [www.sjcemergencymanagement.org](http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.org).

## Free In-Home Energy Audits: Eye Opening!

Surprise is a common reaction of Beaches Energy customers who schedule in-home energy audits—along with relief at saving energy and money. And most recommendations are easy. When our energy auditor visits your home, the energy-use survey is both thorough and personal, focused on your household habits and equipment. You'll receive conservation tips to apply right away and suggestions for future improvements. **Residential audits are free (for business audits, Beaches Energy pays half the cost). To schedule your audit, call 247-6241 or email us at [customerservice@beachesenergy.com](mailto:customerservice@beachesenergy.com).**

### Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	May	June
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



## Tidings Tips: Your Thermostat, the Savings Tool

Like this month's featured customer, Robin Doyle, you have a powerful energy-saving tool right at your fingertips: a thermostat. Cooling and heating are more than 50% of the typical household's utility bill. With these tips, you can reduce that big percentage.

When you're home in the summer, keep the thermostat at 78°. Every degree lower costs you money.

Use ceiling fans and other fans to cool your skin. (Be sure to turn them off when you leave a room.)

For substantial savings, move the thermostat up at least 5° when you leave home. Make it a habit. You don't need to cool an empty house.

If your house is empty during the work week, invest in an easy-to-use programmable thermostat. It automatically raises and lowers the thermostat to fit your schedule. An Energy Star® programmable thermostat can save you about \$180 annually, easily recovering its purchase cost in a year.