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### Are you sending cooled air into the great outdoors?

Leaky ductwork is one of the most common culprits in home energy loss and higher utility bills. If you have the problem, let us help you fix it. Beaches Energy now offers a rebate of up to \$150 to repair or replace leaking ductwork in your home's cooling and heating system. Read this Tidings to find out more. Cool yourself, not the outdoors.

## Leaky Ductwork: What You Can't See Can Cost You



Ductwork may be out of sight in an attic, but it shouldn't be out of mind. Ductwork carries all the cooled and heated air of a central AC/heating system. If it's leaking, your utility bill can be as much as 20% higher than necessary. That's why Beaches Energy offers residential customers **a rebate of up to \$150** to repair or replace ducts.

**All Too Common.** Energystar.gov reports that in a typical house, about 20% of air in ducts is lost through holes or poor connections. Expensive conditioned air escapes into the attic, the system works longer and harder, humidity is not well controlled, and the home is less comfortable.

**First: Inspect.** If your ductwork is difficult to access, a professional inspector can check all areas. Leaks are common in ductwork joints, around the air handler, and where vents and registers meet the floors, walls, and ceiling.

**No Duct Tape!** The Beaches Energy application form contains all of the rebate requirements. It specifies the repair materials that really work and last (regular duct tape is not one of them). You may hire a professional or do the work yourself. **Download the form at [www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com), contact us by telephone at 904-247-6241, or email [customerservice@beachesenergy.com](mailto:customerservice@beachesenergy.com). Start keeping your conditioned air inside your house!**

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

	September	October
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

## 4 New Ways to Connect

Beaches Energy Services is launching profiles on four popular social networking sites and invites you to join us there. It's all about communication—our goal with customers—but with new options: videos, photos, energy tips, instant updates, text messages, and interesting links **via computer and mobile phone**. Whether you're new to social networking or a seasoned user, Beaches Energy wants to talk to you!

**Facebook:** Coming soon! Through Facebook, we'll update you on the latest news and local events, and post energy-saving tips and videos. Watch for more information at [www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com).

**Twitter:** By using Twitter, Beaches Energy can deliver real-time, short messages (up to 140 characters) to your computer and mobile phone. It's a smart way to get alerts about power outages, conservation news, and special events—wherever you are.

**YouTube:** Beaches Energy has many energy-saving videos to share. Check them out, and feel free to leave a comment.

**Flickr:** Whether it's the Jazz Fest or Earth Day, when Beaches Energy is at an event, we snap pictures. View photos on Flickr, and share your own!



### Tidings Tips: School's In

In September, family routines are changing. The weather may too. Remember to change your energy habits as well.

If your house is now empty during the day, turn the thermostat to 83°, or reprogram an automatic thermostat to reflect the change.

When evenings and days become cool enough, turn off the AC. Open windows, use fans, and enjoy the fresh air.