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### When you leave your castle, does your thermostat know it?

Install a programmable thermostat, and it will. Home may be our castle, but we venture out a lot. You can program your thermostat to match your routines of coming and going (also waking and sleeping). It automatically raises or lowers the temperature settings so you don't have to remember. Beaches Energy offers a \$25 rebate for switching to a programmable thermostat. It's an incentive that saves you money all year. After all, why cool or warm an empty castle?

## Programmable Thermostats: Smart, Easy, and \$25 Cheaper with Our Rebate



A programmable thermostat may save up to \$180 annually on your electric bill—paying for itself quickly, especially with a Beaches Energy rebate of up to \$25. With this thermostat, you don't have to remember to adjust the temperature setting when you go to bed, wake up, or leave the house for work. And when you get home, the temperature is comfortable: 78° in summer or 68° in winter.

**Scared by "Programming"?** Don't be. Most devices come with four settings preprogrammed for typical schedules. You can easily customize settings to your life style. Choose a model that works for your family, for example, one that lets you program weekdays and weekends differently. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for examples.

**Choose a Model Right for Your System.** First be sure to buy the right thermostat for your heating and cooling system. Talk with a retailer or HVAC professional before buying. Do-it-yourself installation is possible for some people, or hire a professional.

**Don't Wait—Get the Rebate.** The Beaches Energy application form contains all of the rebate requirements. Download the form at [www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com), telephone us at 904-247-6241, or email [customerservice@beachesenergy.com](mailto:customerservice@beachesenergy.com). Lower your bills automatically . . . Do a Little and Save a Lot.

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

	October	November
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

## Get Ready for Cooler Weather

We don't just mean getting out your sweaters. This transitional season is the time to ensure your central heating system is ready for winter.

**Have your system checked and serviced:** electrical connections, moving parts, condensate drain, ductwork, thermostat. A dirty or sluggish system works harder and costs more to run.

**Change your air filter regularly.** Inspect it monthly. A clean filter increases air flow and keeps dirt from building up in the system.

**Open windows when you can!** Take advantage of temperate days to turn your cooling and heating system off altogether.

If an inspection indicates a need for a new heating and cooling system, or ductwork repairs, remember that Beaches Energy rebates can help.



## Tidings Tips: Laundry Day

Is **every** day laundry day at your house? If so, or if your family doesn't have a regular laundry routine, you're probably wasting energy. Here's why, along with ideas for change.

- Wash and dry full loads to save energy.
- Wash in cold water. Only occasionally is warm or hot water needed.
- Use the dryer's automatic settings for fabric types.
- Line-dry some clothes (they will last longer too).
- Start a family routine. Put light and dark clothes into separate hampers, and designate a laundry day or two each week—whenever you reach full loads.