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Is Your Home Too Breezy?

Having a roof over your head isn't everything in home ownership. A roof protects you from sun and rain, but a well-insulated attic does a lot more. It protects your pocketbook by saving energy while keeping the heat or cool air from escaping your home. Do you know your insulation's R-value? Beaches Energy Services offers a valuable rebate for upgrading. Breezes are great at the beach, but not in your home.

Seal in Savings with an Insulation Rebate



In nature, warm air wants to flow to a cooler space. In your home—when you're paying either to warm the air or cool it—that natural air flow is not your friend. You want conditioned air to stay inside your house, and insulation is one barrier to keep it there.

Cost-effective, and a Rebate Too. Upgrading insulation is a cost-effective way to lower electric bills. Beaches Energy Services will help residential customers upgrade with a rebate of \$0.125 per square foot of insulation, to a maximum of \$300.

Barriers Above and Below. The rebate program applies to insulation in attics or under raised flooring. Insulation's resistance to heat flow is measured as an R-value.

Attics: upgrade to R-19 or higher (batting, blanket, board, sprayed on, or blown in)

Crawl space or elevated floors: upgrade to R-11 or higher (batting, blanket, or board)

Can You Do It Yourself? Yes, homeowners may install the insulation, but first get technical advice about the best types and depths (inches) for your home. The Beaches Energy Services application form contains all of the rebate requirements. Download the form at www.beachesenergy.com, telephone us at 904-247-6241, or email customerservice@beachesenergy.com. Do a little more insulating . . . and save a lot!

Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	November	December
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

A Time to Care

For many years, Beaches Energy Services customers have shown they care about neighbors hit by unexpected financial problems. In these economic times, it's especially important. By donating as little as \$1 per month on your utility bill to the CARE Program, you will help someone keep the lights and heat on. You may also make a one-time donation. All donations are matched one-to-one by Beaches Energy Services and distributed by BEAM, the nonprofit Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry. Every penny goes to customers' power bills, none to administration. Please call 247-6241, or download a form at www.beachesenergy.com.

Have an Energy Audit—Your Way

It's always been smart, and we make it easy. Beaches Energy Services offers customers two choices for energy audits: at home or online. With either choice—and you may want both—we help you conserve energy and save money.

An Energy Advisor will come to your home for a detailed analysis of energy factors and usage. He'll leave you with specific recommendations for reducing consumption. Call 247-6241 for an appointment.

The Energy Depot at www.beachesenergy.com offers an online, do-it-yourself energy audit. You can analyze monthly bills, calculate annual costs of appliances, and receive a personalized energy report. The depot's Energy Library, full of facts and answers, is a tool always at your fingertips.

An energy audit is specific to your home—the surest way to take energy-saving steps. Do it today!

Tidings Tips: What's Cooking?

At Thanksgiving, usually what's cooking is . . . a lot. Remember these tips to turn down the heat.

- Use the microwave as much as possible, not only for leftovers, but for cooking as well.
- Preheat the oven only for bread and pastries. Plan to cook two or more dishes together.
- Cover range-top pots to cook faster.
- Cool foods before storing in the refrigerator.