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Clean Clothes, Conservation & Cool Cash Savings

Cold-water washing yields all three. Cold water and detergent clean clothes thoroughly and help preserve fabric. Hot water does make very oily stains more soluble (so do stain lifters and presoaking) but otherwise is an energy waste. Water heating is 90% of a washer's energy use. Choosing the cold-cold setting instead of hot-warm saves an average family as much as \$100 per year for electricity (top-loading machine). It saves the planet, in carbon emissions, the equivalent of driving a car 3,400 miles. Make yourself and the dolphins happy: set the washing machine temperature on cold.

Tidings Tips: How to Use Less Hot Water



- Always rinse clothes in cold water.
- When buying a washing machine, choose Energy Star. Front loaders use less water.
- If you must pre-rinse dishes for the dishwasher, use cold water.
- Brush teeth with cold water.
- Set the water heater's temperature no higher than 120°, and insulate the tank and pipes.
- Turn the water heater off at the breaker if you leave home for two or more days.
- Take showers instead of baths; take shorter showers or install a low-flow showerhead.



Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	April	May
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$74.57	\$74.57
Power cost adjustment	\$50.84	\$50.84
Total	\$129.91	\$129.91

Spring Cleaning for Summer Cooling

Maintaining your air conditioning/heat pump system is as important as tune-ups and oil changes for your car. Both AC and cars run more efficiently with regular check-ups. In fact, maintaining HVAC equipment can save 5–10% in yearly energy costs. Now is the right time: Summer is right around the corner.

Ask your service contractor to check electrical connections, operating controls, moving parts, condensate drain, evaporator and condenser coils, refrigerant level, and blower components. Your maintenance job is easy: check the filter every month, and always have a spare on hand.



Do You Use Electric Medical Equipment?

For customers requiring electric equipment for serious health problems, Beaches Energy Services provides the Medical Support Notification Program. We will contact you if a scheduled service outage is expected to last an extended period of time, allowing you to make

an informed decision whether to leave home. Nebulizers and oxygen machines are medical equipment examples. With a doctor's verification, we will place you on our Medical Support List. We urge you to register. Please call (904) 247-6241 or email customerservice@beachesenergy.com.

