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2013 BEACHES COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS: Introducing Desiree Jomant, volunteer coordinator at the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville. For over four years, Desiree has volunteered with young adults allowing them to meet, socialize and hang out with new friends. Desiree enjoys helping people, and any time there's an opportunity to volunteer with a group, she jumps at the chance and brings along a group of friends to help. Read more about Beaches Community Champions at www.beachesenergy.com.



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Spreading Enthusiasm in the Beaches Community

Beaches Energy Services applauds Desiree Jomant, volunteer coordinator at the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville, for putting her time and effort into helping the Beaches Community for four years now. Desiree teaches special education and volunteers during her free time to work with young adults by offering fun, fit activities and ways to make new friends. Beaches Energy thanks Desiree and the many volunteers like her who continue to give back to the beaches community and our neighbors.

Tidings Tips: Save Energy and Water with Smart Landscaping

Landscaping can either be one of the most tedious aspects of having a home, or it can be a relaxing hobby. Spring and summer can be some of the costliest months during the year due to high water usage and air conditioning use. A well-designed landscape with shade trees adds beauty to your home and can reduce cooling costs. Energy-conserving landscape strategies will depend on where you live, and in our hot and humid climate of the Jacksonville Beaches, you can:

- **Reduce cooling costs with landscape shading.** Planting trees, shrubs, and plants around your home strategically, can reduce the radiant heat gain and cool the air before it reaches your home's walls and windows.
- **Pay attention to the weather.** Overwatering your plants and lawn costs you money, isn't good for the plants and results in a great deal of water runoff. Avoid locating planting beds close to the home if they require frequent watering.
- **Take advantage of daylight.** Days are longer during the summer, which means natural daylight can provide the lighting in your home for longer hours.
- **Set up a rain barrel.** This is a very effective way to save water during the spring and summer months. For every inch of rain that falls on 750 sq ft of roof, you can collect 450 gallons of water. This rain water can be utilized to water plants, flowers, gardens, and lawns and reduce your overall water consumption.



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Remember to set up your email contacts to accept beachesenergy.com.

Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

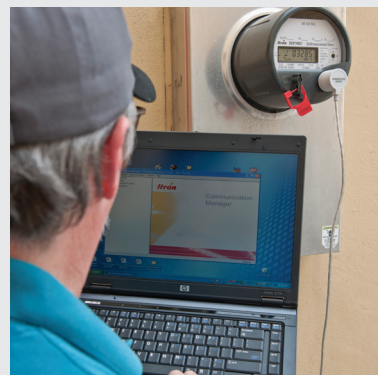
	February	March
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$75.57	\$75.57
Power cost adjustment	\$44.84	\$44.84
Total	\$124.91	\$124.91

Residential Energy Audits are Free

Increasing your home's energy efficiency is good for everyone. Beaches Energy Services offers free residential energy audits to help you get started on saving energy and money. At your convenience, our Energy Advisor will perform a detailed energy analysis at your home and make recommendations to help reduce your energy bill. Call **904-247-6241** to schedule your free Energy Audit – and start to save!

We also provide energy tips and have resource tools at

www.beachesenergy.com where you can perform a do-it-yourself analysis of energy consumption through-out your home while learning how to reduce energy use and save money. Through the energy calculator, you will be able to estimate the annual energy use and cost to operate your home energy systems and appliances. When making energy saving home improvements, call our office to speak with our energy analysts—we are here to help.



ENERGYSTAR® Appliances—Well Worth It!

The price of a major appliance is only its initial cost. You will also pay for the electricity it uses over its lifetime. This means that appliances that operate efficiently, such as those rated ENERGY STAR® can be real bargains, because the savings realized over time help to offset the initial price tag. ENERGYSTAR® appliances meet rigorous testing standards, and their advanced technologies use from 10–50% less energy and water than standard models. They also guarantee premium features and top performance, so less repair and maintenance also saves you money. Visit www.beachesenergy.com and click on the ENERGYSTAR® logo to find out more information on appliance savings.

Beaches Energy Services offers a total of \$1,825 in energy saving rebates for energy efficient home improvements such as A/C heat pumps, solar water heaters, programmable thermostats and heat pump water heaters. For more details about available rebates, visit the rebates section at www.beachesenergy.com and realize the savings!

