



## **Moving Together and Spreading Sunshine in the Beaches Community**

Beaches Energy Services salutes Bette Pearse, who leads her loyal followers through fitness and dance classes three days a week, sharing the blessing of improved health, vitality and fellowship. Bette laughs about Father Kelly calling the class members the "LOLs" (for little old ladies). Bette is appreciative of the space that the Family Center provides the group, and attributes these classes for their improved overall health and a sunny outlook. General fitness and line-dancing classes are offered from fall to late spring, and water exercise classes convene in the summer. Beaches Energy appreciates Bette Pearse and her efforts to spread her brand of sunshine with our community.

## **Tidings** Tips: Weatherproofing and Rebates Save-A-Lot!

Most homes will leak heated and cooled air, resulting in higher energy bills. Taking these simple steps to reinforce the weather tightness of your home will save you energy and money:



- Caulking around your windows and door jams will help to keep the temperatures more constant inside your home, reducing the loss of heated or cooled air and lowering your energy usage.
- Adding insulation to your attic is a great way to block heat gain in the summer and stop losing energy through your ceiling.
- Take advantage of rebates! 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 example, there is a rebate of up to \$300 for upgrading your attic insulation to certain specifications. You can find all of the rebate requirements, downloadable instructions and an application for each rebate on our website. Visit the rebates section at www.beachesenergy.com and Save-A-Lot!

# **Outages, Interruptions** and Staying Prepared

Beaches Energy's conversion to underground power lines and the stormhardening program helps us improve our ability to handle the challenges of



lightning, wind and flooding rains during storm season. Our employees are dedicated to maintaining constant electric service you can rely on. Should you ever need to report an outage or interruption of your utility service, contact our 24-hour emergency line at 904-247-6171. During hurricane season, it's important to discuss hazards that can affect your family, and to know your home's vulnerability when it comes to storm surge, flooding, and wind. Stock non-perishable emergency supplies, water and a Disaster Supply Kit. You can download a printable copy of recommendations for stocking your family's Disaster Supply Kit at beachesenergy.com/disaster-kit/.

Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours		
	August	September
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

#### Safe Use of Portable Generators

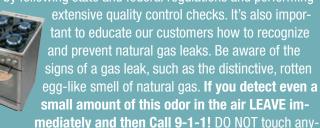
When stormy weather causes extended power outages, portable generators offer great benefits, but they can also be very dangerous. People die every year in incidents related to improper use.



Most of these incidents involve carbon monoxide poisoning from generators used indoors or in partially enclosed spaces. Always buy a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm when using a generator. The second most common cause of deaths results from electric shock due to backfeed — caused by generators that are plugged in or connected to a home's internal wiring. This extremely dangerous practice presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. The only safe way to connect the generator to the house wiring is to have a licensed electrical contractor install a transfer switch in accordance with local electrical codes.

## **Safety Tips for Natural Gas Customers**

Natural gas is one of the most reliable and cost-effective energy sources. Beaches Energy resolves to keep our customers safe by following state and federal regulations and performing



thing electrical before you leave and DO NOT use a phone. DO NOT smoke, turn appliances or lights on or off, or operate any vehicle or equipment that could create a spark. Beaches Energy Services is available 24-hours a day to respond to natural gas emergencies. To find out if natural gas service is available in your area, call us at 904-247-6241.

## **Call Before You Dig!**

It's a fact: Excavation work, including digging (even in the yard), is the most common cause of natural gas emergencies. Before excavation



of any kind – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs, state law requires that you call 811 so all utility lines can be professionally marked prior to digging. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, and may disrupt service to an entire neighborhood. For more information, visit callsunshine.com.

## **Hurricane Flood Protection**

Hurricanes and other tropical storms are the primary source of flooding in our community. You can find additional information concerning flooding, flood insurance, and flood protection at www.jacksonvillebeach.org.