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Preserving This Community We Love to Call Home

We realize how fortunate we are to call the beach our home. For hundreds of years, families have settled here, drawn by its timeless beauty and natural resources. We are tasked with protecting and preserving our unique environment now and for the future. Increased demand on resources and challenges posed by the weather presents us with a need to focus on ways to reduce our dependence on natural resources. Conservation helps to preserve the environment and preserve this community we call home.

Tidings Tips: Prepare Your Home for Warmer Weather

- If your central heating/cooling system is inefficient or outdated, consider replacing the system with a high efficiency heat pump. Beaches Energy is offering a \$300 rebate for 15 SEER heat pumps and a \$100 rebate for 14 SEER heat pumps.
- Clean the outside condenser coil on your air conditioning system once a year. To clean the coil, use the thermostat to turn off the unit and then spray the coil with low-pressure water. (High water pressure may damage the coil fins).
- Keep your heating/cooling equipment well maintained by hiring a professional service representative.
- Ask your representative how to operate the equipment for maximum efficiency.
- Leave the thermostat fan control switch to your central heating and cooling system in the "auto" position.
- If you have central air conditioning, do not close unused rooms or close the air vents in rooms; the system will be less efficient and cost more to operate.
- Clean or replace window unit and central heating/cooling system filters monthly. Dirty filters cause the equipment to work harder, and use more energy.
- Keep shrubbery, leaves and debris from blocking the air flow around the air conditioning condenser coil.
- Check your fireplace damper for a tight fit and keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use.



Florida Relay Service (7-1-1)

Our hearing and speech-impaired customers may contact us through the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1 or call the voice line at 800-955-8770. The TTY (text telephone) is 800-955-8771.



Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	February	March
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$76.57	\$76.57
Power cost adjustment	\$42.84	\$42.84
Total	\$123.91	\$123.91



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Join the rising number of Beaches customers who are enrolling in **electronic billing notification**. It is easy to sign up, and makes the process simpler to receive and view your bill online. Register at www.beachesenergy.com today, and remember to set up your email contacts to accept beachesenergy.com.

Use Natural Gas Safely

Natural gas is one of the most reliable and cost-effective energy sources. Beaches Energy is committed to keeping our customers safe. We follow state and federal regulations and perform extensive quality control checks. We also make it a priority to educate customers on how to recognize and prevent natural gas leaks.

Be aware of the signs of a gas leak, such as the distinctive, rotten egg-like smell of natural gas. If you detect even a small amount of this odor in the air **LEAVE** immediately and then **Call 9-1-1!** **DO NOT** touch anything 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.



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 under-ground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs. For more information, visit callsunshine.com.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**