



# TIDINGS

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## Keeping a Watchful Eye Over This Coastal Community

For over a century, in our coastal community, we have enjoyed our abundant surf, sand, and sunshine. The skilled American Red Cross Lifesaving Corps gives us peace of mind while watching over us and reminds everyone to swim only at beaches where lifeguards are present. Beaches Energy remains committed to delivering services that are reliable and affordable. We are constantly maintaining and improving our storm hardening program and dedicated to safety and electric service you can rely on.



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## Tidings Tips: Keeping Cool In Warmer Weather

As temperatures increase during the summer months, use the following Tidings Tips to stay cool and save energy in your home at the same time:

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher during the summer months. Your energy bill can increase up to eight percent for each degree lower than 78.
- When using a higher thermostat setting, use ceiling fans to increase your level of comfort. Use fans in occupied rooms only; fans cool people, not rooms.
- Make sure the attic is properly insulated and ventilated. Beaches Energy Services recommends upgrading your insulation to an R-value between R30 and R38.
- In summer, keep drapes, shades, and blinds closed on windows facing south or west during the hottest time of day.
- Plant shade trees strategically around your home. Properly selected and planted shade trees can reduce heating and cooling costs.



## Get Your Family Disaster Plan Ready

As hurricane season approaches, along with the strong thunderstorms of summer, 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. To help prepare and make sure your family and home are ready for severe weather, stock your survival kit with tips from Beaches Energy at [beachesenergy.com/disaster-kit/](http://beachesenergy.com/disaster-kit/).

### Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	April	May
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

## For Our Customers With Special Needs

Beaches Energy Services' Customers with serious health problems requiring the use of specialized electric equipment should know about the **Medical Support Notification Program**. This program identifies customers with special needs and assures everything possible is done to restore their electric service quickly. Equipment examples are apnea monitors, nebulizers, and oxygen machines. With a doctor's verification, we will place your name and address on our Medical Support List. If a scheduled service outage is expected to last an extended period of time, we will contact you so that you can make an informed decision about whether to leave your home during the outage. For more information, call (904) 247-6241.



## Preventing Outages and Interruptions

Lightning, wind, and heavy rain can be constant challenges to keeping the electricity on. Beaches Energy's conversion to underground power lines and the storm-hardening program helps us overcome these challenges. Our employees are dedicated to maintaining constant electric service you can rely on. Should you ever need to report an outage or trouble with your utility service, Beaches Energy Services provides a 24-hour emergency line at (904) 247-6171.



## Rip Currents: Break the Grip of the Rip!

For your safety, be aware of this major surf zone hazard. The greatest safety precaution that can be taken is to recognize the danger of rip currents, and always remember to swim at beaches with lifeguards. Also, pay attention to the warning flags, which will alert you to various conditions, dangers and official beach closings.

