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Get Prepared For Hurricane Season With a Disaster Plan

Our community is well acquainted with dangerous storms and their effects. Every June when hurricane season arrives, 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/.



Tidings Tips: Safe Lighting During Power Outages

Use batteries as your back-up source for power. During hurricane season, it's wise to have extra batteries in all the sizes you use, as well as devices to light your way during power outages. Here are some facts about batteries and alternative ways to have light in the dark:

- Do not store your batteries in extremely cold or hot places. It's best to store batteries in low humidity at normal room temperature.
- Always check the "use by" date on new batteries. They should expire no sooner than 5 to 7 years from the date of purchase.
- A crankshaft-powered lantern or flashlight never needs batteries.
- Battery operated flameless candles are inexpensive and safe.
- Avoid mixing old and new batteries, as this shortens their life spans.
- Your cell phone emits a glow to safely light your way to find other light sources that last for a longer time or emit more light.
- LED flashlights emit a strong beam of light that lasts for a long time, and they come in a range of types and sizes.



- Solar outdoor path lights can simply recharge themselves outside during the day and be used indoors for light at night.
- Always use extreme caution with light sources from flames, keep materials away from the flame and never leave a flaming source of light going when you leave a room.

Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	May	June
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

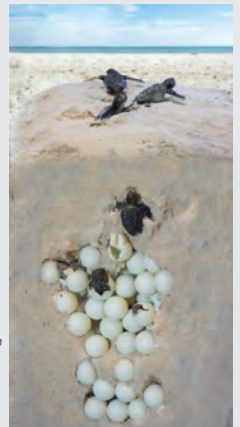
It's Easy To Enroll In EBilling!

Begin enjoying the convenience of receiving your bill on-line and you choose how you want to pay. It's your choice, pay on-line, automated phone 24/7, automatic payment on due date, mail, drop by our business office, or use our after-hours depository. More customers than ever have enrolled in electronic billing, making it easier and faster to review and pay their utility bill. To sign up, register on our website and set up your e-mail contacts to accept **beachesenergy.com**.



Keep Our Sea Turtles Safe

Florida is the second largest loggerhead sea turtle nesting area in the world and nesting season is May 1 through October 31. If you sight a sea turtle, keep your distance. Never touch or disturb a nesting female, nests or emerging hatchlings. Any of these actions are a violation of federal and state laws. For more information on ways to help sea turtles survive, contact www.bstp.net or call Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol at **904-613-6081**.



Hurricane Season's Here: Time To Prepare

With the arrival of hurricane season, it's a good time to make preparations for the possible arrival. A watch is when a hurricane may threaten coastal and inland areas within the next 48 hours. A warning is when a hurricane is expected to strike within 36 hours. Our website has detailed actual preparations to make in the case of either a watch or a warning, and a downloadable disaster kit at www.beachesenergy.com.



SCAM ALERT!

Utility customers nationwide have reported receiving unsolicited phone calls regarding past due bills and disconnection of service. The caller demands immediate payment through a pre-paid debit card. **Tips to follow: Do not make any payment to anonymous callers** and try to get the caller's name, phone number and any other related information. Contact Beaches Energy Services emergency phone number **904-247-6171**, and report **SCAM phone calls** to the police at **904-270-1661**.