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Ride the Green Wave

Save Energy, Save Money and Enjoy the Summer!

During the longer days of summer, our community is enjoying the many activities that the area offers. Whether playing sports, fishing, boating, or walking on the beach, we all can find ways to enjoy our spare time. You are invited to visit www.beachesenergy.com and learn about the ways to save energy as well as information on storm safety, natural gas safety and more!



Tidings Tips: Remain Safe After a Storm

Florida residents can be assured of storms ranging from thunderstorms with lightning to severely damaging tornadoes and the possibility of a hurricane requiring evacuation. Here are some safety tips on taking actions once threatening weather has passed or if you are returning to your home after having to evacuate.

- Always assume all cables and wires are energized and stay away.
- If you leave your home, turn off appliances that may have been operating when the power went out, or turn off your main breaker.
- Avoid flooded and debris-laden areas because they may hide downed power lines.
- Avoid driving in damaged areas, as you can interfere with rescue operations and threaten your own safety.
- Always operate generators outside and connect appliances or equipment directly to it. Use a carbon monoxide detector when operating a generator.



If your home appears to be water damaged:

- Look for downed power lines when leaving or approaching your home. Never touch a downed line, and call Beaches Energy to report the downed power line immediately.
- Pay attention to all electrical wires and equipment. If you have any doubts about your home's electrical system or are unsure of how to proceed, call a professional, licensed electrician.
- To report power outages, downed power lines or other interruptions in service call 904-247-6171.

Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	June	July
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

Protect Your Household From Energy Surges At The Meter



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.

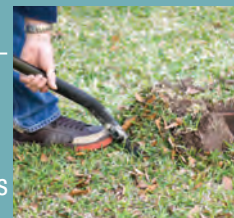
Monitor Phantom Energy and Realize Savings!

Phantom load or ghost energy is not always invisible. A glowing light on any electronic device means it is still on, and it's also true of any device with a remote or a power-pack plug, chargers for cell phones, and appliances with lighted dials. Standby power can amount to 5% of home energy use! Most electronics and appliances still use energy for standby power when they're plugged in— even though turned off. Save with smart power strips that assure devices are truly powered off, and by unplugging chargers when not in use. Turn off all equipment that will be idle for two hours and for longer periods, unplug. Some ENERGYSTAR®-certified office equipment can save up to 90% on energy costs. ENERGYSTAR® computers can use 70% less energy, with a sleep mode of about 4 watts.



Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig!

Excavation work, including digging in your own 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, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs. It's the law. For more information, visit www.callsunshine.com.

Be Safe Around Natural Gas!



Natural gas is one of the most reliable and cost-effective energy sources. Beaches Energy keeps our customers safe by following state and federal regulations and performing extensive quality control checks. It's also important to educate our customers how to recognize and prevent natural gas leaks. Be aware of the signs of a gas leak, such as the distinctive, rotten egg-like odor 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.