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OUTAGES, INTERRUPTIONS, AND STAYING PREPARED

Beaches Energy's conversion to underground power lines and the storm-hardening program helps us improve our ability to handle the challenges of lightning, wind, and the flooding rains that come with storm season. Our employees are dedicated to maintaining the constant electric service you can rely on. Should you ever need to report an outage or interruption of your utility service, please contact our 24-hour emergency line at 904-247-6171. During hurricane season, it is important to discuss the hazards that could potentially affect your family and to be aware of your home's vulnerability when it comes to storm surge, flooding, and wind. Remember to stock non-perishable emergency supplies, water, and a Disaster Supply Kit. A printable copy of recommendations for stocking your family's Disaster Supply Kit can be found at beachesenergy.com/disaster-kit/.

TIDINGS TIPS: WEATHERPROOFING, SMART LANDSCAPING, AND REBATES

Often, the biggest use of water is outdoors for lawn and landscape irrigation. Using our water and energy wisely during the hot summer months can help reduce water and energy use. Save money and preserve our natural resources by adopting a few simple water-saving strategies.

- *Use mulch to prevent weeds, improve soil, and conserve water. A good layer of mulch (3 inches or more) will reduce the amount of water that evaporates from your soil, greatly reducing the need to water your plants.*
- *Reduce cooling costs with shady landscapes. Strategic planting of trees, shrubs, and plants around your home can reduce the radiant heat gain and cool the air before it reaches your home's walls and windows.*
- *Take advantage of those long summer days. The increased hours of daylight provide a natural way to light your home longer into the evening. Additionally, watering your lawn during the later, cooler hours of the day will reduce water loss from evaporation.*
- *Rebates! Did you know that Beaches Energy Services offers a total of \$1,800 in energy saving rebates for home improvements such as A/C heat pumps, solar water heaters, and heat pump water heaters? For example, you can earn a rebate of up to \$300 just for upgrading your attic insulation.*

Find all of the rebate requirements, instructions, and an application for each rebate at www.beachesenergy.com. Do a little Save-A-Lot!

ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

	July	August
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

THE MANY WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

Automatic payment service gives you the convenience of having your monthly utility bill automatically drafted from your checking account. It's quick, easy, and free.

Payment by phone is available 24 hours a day and offers the flexibility of paying with a check for free. You may also pay by credit card through Western Union Speedpay, with a \$4.95 fee for each transaction up to \$500.00.

Online payments can be made at www.beachenergy.com. Electronic check payments are accepted at no cost to you, and credit cards can be processed for a \$4.95 fee for each transaction up to \$500.00.

Customers may always pay in person with cash, checks, or money orders at the customer service department located at City Hall, 11 N. 3rd Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Our drive-through service is available 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We also accept utility payments made through your personal online bill pay option provided by your financial institution.

IT'S EASY TO ENROLL IN E-BILLING

Electronic billing makes it easier and faster for Beaches Energy customers to review and pay their utility bill. To sign up, register at www.beachesenergy.com, and remember to set up your email contacts to accept beachesenergy.com.

