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TIDINGS TIPS: KEEP SAVING ENERGY THIS WINTER

- Lower the temperature. During the winter when you are home, set your thermostat to 68° or lower. When you leave, lower your thermostat 2 to 3 degrees for additional savings. When adjusting the thermostat back up, remember: only 2-degree increments at a time to avoid engaging the costly electric heat strips.
- Invest in installation. Cover up any areas in your home where heat might escape using inexpensive insulation from your local home improvement store. Start with foam weather stripping for your doors and windows; it's cheap and extremely easy to apply.
- Use ceiling fans to your advantage. Increase the airflow in your home by setting your ceiling fans to turn clockwise, trapping heat inside and keeping rooms warmer during winter months.
- Change your HVAC filters every month. This will help your unit run more efficiently and keep the air in your household cleaner.



BE SAFE AROUND NATURAL GAS

Beaches Energy wants our customers to know how to recognize and report 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.

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. For more information, visit www.callsunshine.com.



KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Consider safety at every step when preparing your home and family for happy gatherings. Here are some ways to ensure your home is safely aglow this holiday season:

- Flameless is safest. Avoid using candles by switching to battery-operated flameless candles. Many clever LED flickering flameless candles deliver the same ambience as candles without the worries.
- Tree position is important. Place your indoor tree away from fireplaces, the traffic flow, and doorways. Heaters can cause cut trees to dry out, so keep the stand filled with water. Use only non-combustible or flame retardant materials to trim your tree.
- Always test electronic decorations and light strings. Only use those with UL labeling, and make sure outside decorations are intended for use outdoors. Discard and replace strings with frayed or damaged wiring or plugs. Energy-efficient LED light strings shine cooler and brighter than standard strings and last for many years.
- Don't overload. It's best to use surge protectors when plugging in multiple light strands, but never plug more than three standard sized light sets per single extension cord. Never pull lights out by the cord, use the plug when pulling from the wall socket.
- Turn everything off before bedtime. Turn off all holiday lights of any kind – inside and out – before retiring at night.



SHOW YOU CARE DURING THE HOLIDAYS!

At times, elderly, disabled or low-income members of our Beaches community are simply unable to pay their utility bill because of a sudden or temporary financial crisis. Beaches Energy Services' CARE Program is designed to help until they can sort out their situations. The CARE Program depends on your help to make it work. This holiday season, we encourage our customers in Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach, and Palm Valley to donate a small amount each month to the CARE Program. It's easy to be a friend and donate by completing a simple sign-up form, which you can download from www.beachesenergy.com. Beaches Energy Services will match all contributions, doubling the impact of your generosity.

ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

	November	December
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$76.57	\$76.57
Power cost adjustment	\$41.84	\$41.84
Total	\$122.91	\$122.91