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Discover easy, energy-saving tips for your home.



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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Before you head out trick-or-treating or to holiday parties, review these safety guidelines to keep your holiday full of fun.

- **Safety in numbers** – Trick-or-treaters should walk in groups with a trusted adult. Make sure children know your home and cell phone numbers and consider giving them a cell phone so they can reach you easily.
- **Stay in the light** – Homes will leave porch lights on to welcome trick-or-treaters, so avoid darkened houses or hallways. Let your children know to NEVER enter a home or car unless you are with them. Use a flashlight to see and let others see you.
- **Fit the costume right** – Make sure that masks fit correctly and kids can see through them, and that costumes fit well so they don't trip anyone up. Try adding reflective tape to costumes and candy bags
- **Say NO to candles** – Use battery-operated candles or a glow stick for your jack-o'-lantern.
- **Check your treats** – Before eating, examine all treats collected for choking hazards and tampering.

ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$77.57	\$77.57
Power Cost Adjustment	\$35.84	\$35.84
Total	\$117.91	\$117.91

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SERVICES

PREPARE FOR SEASONAL CHANGES

During mild fall weather, opening windows is a cost-free way to stay comfortable, but if windows and doors don't close snugly, heated or cooled air escapes, costing you money. Caulking, weather-stripping, and duct sealing are simple solutions that usually pay for themselves within one year. Added insulation provides greater resistance to heat flow, which benefits most older homes. Insulating and home sealing are great values, and Beaches Energy Services offers free in-home audits to residential customers that can help identify leaks so the situation can be fixed. Visit beachesenergy.com for rebate information on insulation upgrades that meet certain specifications.

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.

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