

THE TIDINGS

November 2022



Preparing for the Holiday Season
What To Do with Leftover Hurricane Supplies

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12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SAFETY & SAVINGS

The holiday season is right around the corner, and we're dreaming of decked halls, delicious food and nights around the fire. But as temperatures drop and decorations come down from the attic, there are a few things to remember so you can stay safe and save a little money:

1. PUT A NEW THERMOSTAT ON YOUR WISH LIST

Upgrading your thermostat is a great way to save on energy costs this winter.

2. LET A LITTLE SUN IN

Keep your curtains open during the day for a natural home-heat boost.

3. DECK THE HALLS WITH LED LIGHTS

LED lights use about 90% less electricity, helping you save on holiday cheer.

4. STAY ON THE NICE LIST

Get ahead of your winter honey-do list by sealing window leaks and checking doors.

5. PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY DINNER PREP

Bake multiple items at the same time so you can cut down on your oven use.

6. TREAT YOUR CHIMNEY WITH CARE

Ensure your fireplace is clean, safe and ready-to-use before you light it.

7. KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR OUTLETS

Don't blow the big reveal – keep your decorations at a safe voltage for your home.

8. WATER YOUR TREE

Keep the Christmas magic going (and prevent a fire) by watering real trees often.

9. LIGHTS OUT!

Unplugging decorations before bed saves energy and reduces your fire risk.

10. CHECK DECORATIONS TWICE

When you break out holiday decor, check for damaged wires and electrical components.

11. GO FLAME FREE

Flameless candles are a great way to safely decorate your home for the holidays.

12. KEEP CORDS TIDY

Keep items organized and never place extension cords under blankets or rugs.

WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVER HURRICANE SUPPLIES

Another Atlantic hurricane season is coming to a close on November 30. Here are a few things you can do if you need to clear a little pantry space or have non-perishable items nearing expiration:



KEEP THEM – Hang on to a few items for the winter or even next hurricane season if the expiration dates are after November 2023.



EXPERIMENT WITH NEW RECIPES – Bake a casserole, make soup or try other recipes to clear the pantry and fill the freezer.



DONATE TO FOLKS IN NEED – As long as your items don't expire within a few weeks, you can donate them to a local food bank:

- BEAM Food Bank – 850 6th Ave S., Ste 400, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
- Mission House – 800 Shetter Ave., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

HIGH NATURAL GAS PRICES IMPACT COST OF ELECTRICITY

Natural gas prices have continued to rise, which necessitates an increase in the Bulk Power Cost Adjustment (BPCA) on your utility bill. Effective on your November utility bill, the BPCA will increase from **\$0.04125/kilowatt hour** to **\$0.06188/kilowatt hour**.

This increase provides no additional income to Beaches Energy Services. All funds are used to pay for the actual fuel utilized to produce electricity.

ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

Rate Component	October	November
Residential Base Charge	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$83.57	\$83.57
Bulk Power Cost Adjustment	\$41.25	\$61.88
Total Rate Billed per 1,000 kwh	\$129.32	\$149.95

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