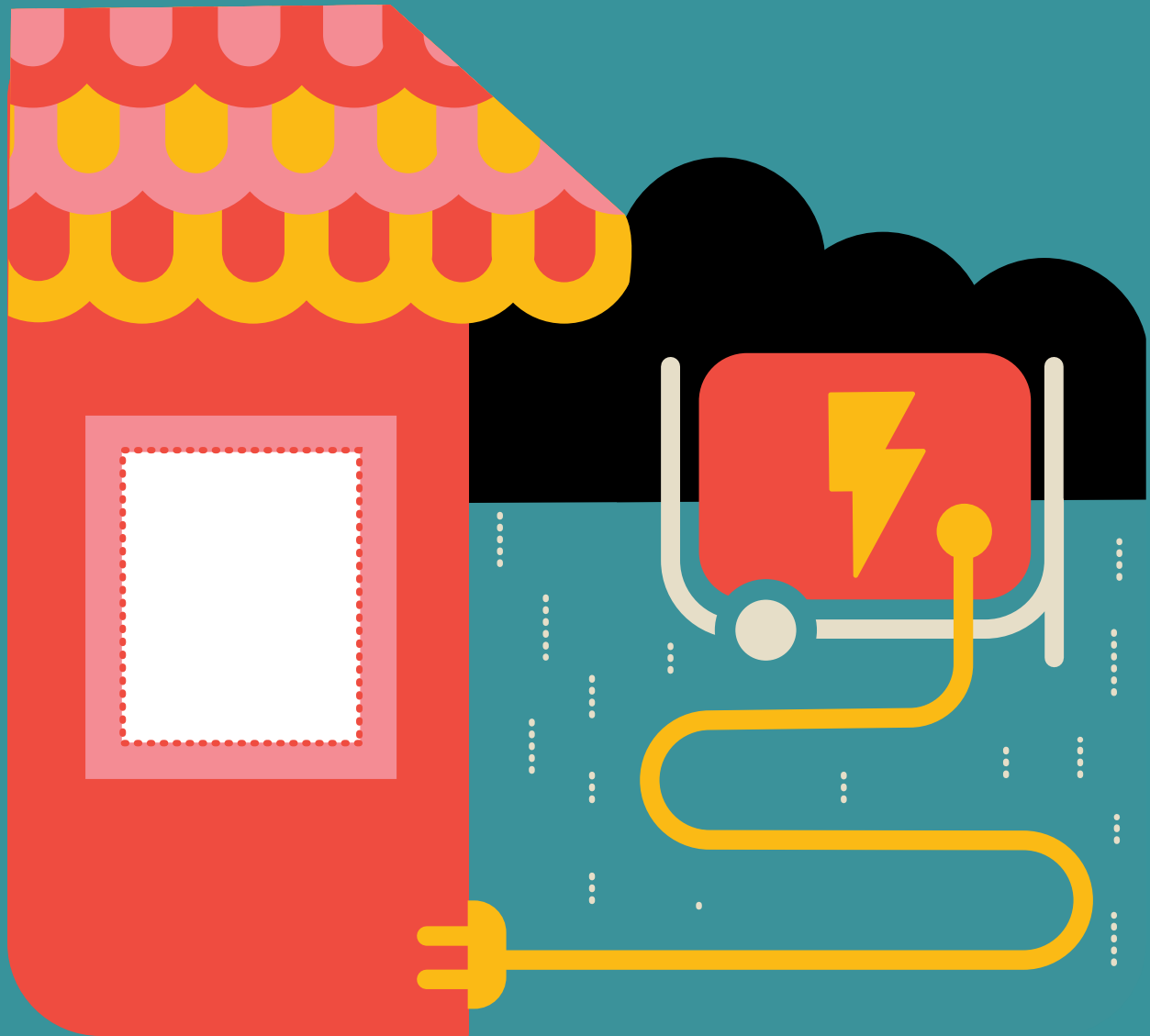


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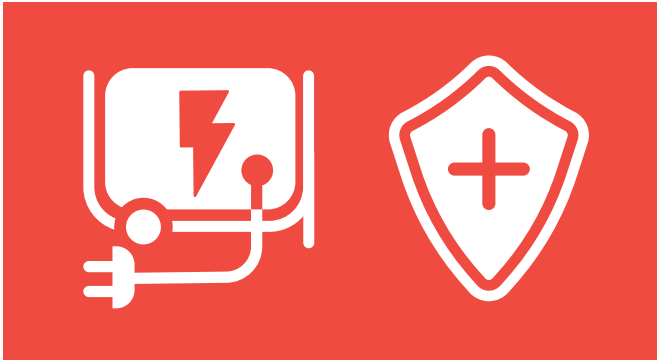


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Hurricane season is back again, and with it comes power outages. But before you break out your generator, take a moment to review a few safety tips to protect your home, your family and your community.

## 1. Never Use a Generator Inside

Portable generators emit carbon monoxide (CO), a deadly gas that can build up in your home when used inside or in an attached garage.

## 2. Buy a Carbon Monoxide Detector

Another great way to reduce your CO risk is by using a carbon monoxide detector. If CO levels get too high, an alarm will sound allowing you to act fast.

## 3. Don't Plug a Generator into Your Home's Wiring

Connecting a generator to your home's wiring or outlets creates a serious electrocution risk for your home, your neighbors and utility workers.

## 4. Practice Fire Safety

Never store fuel indoors, never try to refuel a generator while it's running and never overload the generator by running more appliances and equipment than it can handle.

For more safety tips, visit [beachesenergy.com/generators](https://beachesenergy.com/generators)

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## COMMON OUTAGES AND HOW WE WORK TO PREVENT THEM

Beaches Energy is proud to be a top-ranked electric utility in the state of Florida for System Average Interruption Duration Index, meaning our customers experience fewer outages for the least amount of time. But sometimes, outages are inevitable.

Here are a few of the most common causes of power outages and what we're doing to help:



### Wildlife Interference

Beaches Energy is installing insulation barriers and coated power lines to prevent these issues.



### Fallen Trees

We inspect and trim trees around high-voltage lines to prevent outages and protect our communities.



### Lightning & Severe Weather

We regularly inspect and assess the health of our lightning arrestors to prevent failure when possible.



### Equipment Failure

Beaches Energy conducts scans to find and repair issues before they become outages.

Visit [beachesenergy.com/commonoutages](https://beachesenergy.com/commonoutages) to learn more.

Should you ever need to report an outage or trouble with your utility service, Beaches Energy Services provides a 24-hour emergency line at (904) 247-6171.

## ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

Rate Component	August	September
Residential Base Charge	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$83.57	\$83.57
Bulk Power Cost Adjustment	\$62.26	\$62.26
Total Rate Billed per 1,000 kwh	\$150.33	\$150.33