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HOME COOLING TIPS, NATURAL  
GAS AWARENESS,  
& THE BENEFITS OF COLD WATER



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## HOME IS WHERE THE COOL IS

**SUMMER IS HEATING UP, BUT YOUR ENERGY BILL DOESN'T HAVE TO!** Beat the heat with this July survival guide, designed to help you turn your home into a comfortable summer sanctuary without breaking the bank.

### TIPS FOR STAYING COOL

1. Keep your cooling equipment professionally maintained
2. Make sure your central A/C system or window unit is properly sized for the space
3. Close drapes, shades, and blinds on south- or west-facing windows during the hottest part of the day
4. Only run ceiling fans in rooms that are occupied
5. Plant shade trees strategically around your home

Beaches Energy is committed to providing you with the hottest tips for staying cool. For more, visit [BeachesEnergy.com/Save-Energy/Heating-Cooling](https://BeachesEnergy.com/Save-Energy/Heating-Cooling).

### RECOGNIZE. REACT. REPORT.

#### Staying Safe Around Natural Gas

Natural gas is one of the most eco-friendly energy sources available, but it requires careful handling. While gas pipeline incidents are rare, it's important to know the signs of a leak.

The most common warning sign is a distinctive, rotten egg-like smell, which is added to natural gas as a safety measure. Other signs may include a hissing sound, bubbling water, and more.

Learn more at [BeachesEnergy.com/Natural-Gas-Safety](https://BeachesEnergy.com/Natural-Gas-Safety) and remember to call 811 before digging to help prevent pipeline damage.

Stop by the Beaches Energy lobby to grab a **free brochure featuring a scratch-and-sniff sticker** that will help familiarize you with the smell of natural gas.

## THE BENEFITS OF COLD WATER

Did you know that using cold water in everyday household tasks can help you save money? **Here's how:**



**In the Laundry Room:** 90% of the energy used by a washing machine goes toward heating water. Choosing the cold cycle can save up to \$160 annually!



**In the Kitchen:** Today's dishwashers often work great with cold water, which can help lower your bill.



**In the Bathroom:** Feeling the summer heat? Cool off with a refreshing cold shower—it's a great way to beat the heat and cut down on water heater use, saving you money.

### WANT TO LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILL?

Try our free, personalized tool to help you reduce energy use and save money. Get started now at [BeachesEnergy.com/MyUtilityPlanner](https://BeachesEnergy.com/MyUtilityPlanner)

- Still have questions? Call (904) 247-6241 to schedule a home energy audit.

### ELECTRIC PRICE FOR 1,000 KILOWATT-HOURS

Rate Component	June	July
Residential Base Charge	\$4.50	\$4.50
kWh Base Charge	\$91.24	\$91.24
Bulk Power Cost Adjustment	\$24.05	\$24.05
Total Rate Billed per 1,000 kWh	\$119.79	\$119.79