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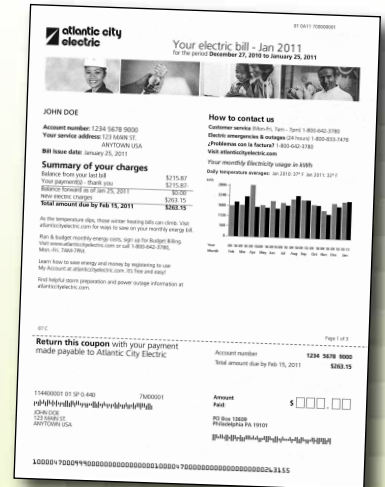
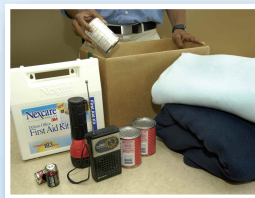
## We're Getting Ready for Storm Season and So Should You

Summer's coming and so is storm season. We're getting ready ahead of the storm by trimming trees along our power lines to minimize outages and we're hosting emergency preparedness drills and refresher training for our crews and staff.

What should you be doing now to get ready for storm season?

- Assemble an emergency "storm kit" with a battery-powered radio or television, flashlight, a first-aid kit, battery-powered or windup clock, extra batteries, special-needs items, an insulated cooler and a list of important and emergency phone numbers.
- Keep at least a three-day supply of nonperishable foods and bottled water and have a hand-operated can opener available.
- Make sure we have your current address and telephone number by contacting our customer care service center at **1-800-642-3780**.

Find out more about what we're doing to get ready for storm season and what you can do now at [atlanticcityelectric.com](http://atlanticcityelectric.com).



## New Bill Design Coming Soon

You spoke and we listened!

The result is a new bill design coming soon that will give you all the changes you asked for — a new, easy-to-read format and organized so you can quickly find what you're looking for, such as your account number, how to contact us and the amount due.

Section topics will be clearly defined. A new bar graph will be added to show two years of usage data, allowing you to quickly compare your energy use from last month to last year.

Watch for our insert next month with a preview of the new bill design.

**POWER OUT? CALL 1-800-833-7476**

# We Have Energy Saving Ideas To Prevent High Summer Bills

Summer is around the corner. With a little planning beforehand, high temperatures don't have to mean high electricity bills. Follow these tips to better control your electricity bill as the temperature goes up.

- During hot weather, a central air conditioner can account for 30 percent of your energy bill. Check the air filter regularly – a clean air filter improves system efficiency, which should lead to energy savings.
- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees, a reasonably comfortable and energy-efficient indoor temperature.
- Have your air conditioning system checked by a professional to ensure that it works properly and is not leaking coolant.
- Be sure all windows are shut and outside doors are closed when the AC is on.
- Don't place lamps, televisions or other heat sources close to the air conditioner thermostat – heat from these sources may cause the air conditioner unit to run longer than it should.

For more energy-saving tips, visit us at [atlanticcityelectric.com](http://atlanticcityelectric.com).

## Another Energy-Saving Idea: Green Bill!

Save paper, save stamps and save a trip to the mail box by signing up for Green Bill today!

Register for *My Account* at [atlanticcityelectric.com](http://atlanticcityelectric.com) and then select the Green Bill (paperless) billing option.

With Green Bill, you'll automatically receive a monthly e-mail stating that your bill is ready to view online. In addition, you have the option to sign up for AutoPay, our recurring payment program.

Make it easy on yourself. Sign up for Green Bill at [atlanticcityelectric.com](http://atlanticcityelectric.com).



## Going Above and Beyond to Restore Natural Beauty along Parkway

Atlantic City Electric's care and concern for the environment is on full display along the Garden State Parkway.

The company recently planted 2,652 trees along a 29-mile stretch of the parkway, including American Holly, White Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Kousa Dogwood and Shadblow Serviceberry, all of which were between six-to-eight feet tall.

In addition, 7,956 two-foot shrubs of various species were planted in the 29-mile stretch of the Shore Points section of the parkway (between Exits 38 and 67).

Going beyond the minimum required by law, the planting was the final phase of a permit requirement to provide a natural buffer to the visual effects of the installation of the Cardiff to Oyster Creek transmission line.

# June

## THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION

### New Jersey (Area codes 609, 856)

**Jun 2&5: Cape May Music Festival Concert;** First Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St., Cape May; 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Jun 4: An Evening of Chautauqua Gala Launch;** Cape May Winery, Cape May; 609-770-2626, [www.capemayforum.org](http://www.capemayforum.org).

**Jun 4: Strawberry Festival;** Wilbraham Park, Broadway & West Perry streets, West Cape May; [www.westcapemaytoday.com](http://www.westcapemaytoday.com).

**Jun 5: Spring Fling GM Thing;** Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., Smithville; [www.ColonialInnSmithville.com](http://www.ColonialInnSmithville.com).

**Jun 11: Victorian Fair;** Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., Cape May; 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Jun 11-12: 19th Annual Cape May Boardwalk Craft Show;** Convention Hall & Boardwalk, Cape May; 609-884-9565, [www.capemayrecreation.org](http://www.capemayrecreation.org).

**Jun 13: Wetlands Institute Golf Tournament;** Wetlands Institute, 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd., Stone Harbor; 609-368-1211, [www.wetlandsinstitute.org](http://www.wetlandsinstitute.org).

**Jun 18: Gloucester Count Craft & Home Fair;** Gloucester County 4-H Fairground, Rte. 77 South, Mullica Hill; 856-765-0118, [www.sjpumpkinshow.com](http://www.sjpumpkinshow.com).

**Jun 19: Smithville Fife & Drum Corps;** Historic Smithville, 615 E. Moss Mill Rd., Smithville; [www.ColonialInnSmithville.com](http://www.ColonialInnSmithville.com).

**Jun 22: FUNday at Playland Benefit for Community Quest, Inc.;** Ocean City Boardwalk, Castaway Cove Benefit for Community Quest, Inc.; 609-646-0388 x213, [phurst@CQInc.org](mailto:phurst@CQInc.org).

**Jun 25: Greater Cape May Historical Society's Antiques & Fine Crafts Fair;** Wilbraham Park, West Cape May; 609-898-1236.

**FOR MORE THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION, click on "About Us" and then "In the Community" at [atlanticcityelectric.com](http://atlanticcityelectric.com).**

To include a future event either in LINES or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or e-mail: [lines@atlanticcityelectric.com](mailto:lines@atlanticcityelectric.com).