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## Help is Here for Higher-Than-Usual Summer Bills



The eastern seaboard has experienced one of its warmest years on record.\* It's no wonder that Atlantic City Electric customers used 20 percent more electricity in June when compared to the same time a year ago.

In an effort to keep cool, our air conditioners, fans and the like have been running harder and longer. Unfortunately, when electricity use is high, so is that monthly energy bill.

We recognize the hardship higher energy bills can pose for our customers, particularly during a hot summer, which is why we continue to provide you with ways to reduce your energy use to save on your bill.

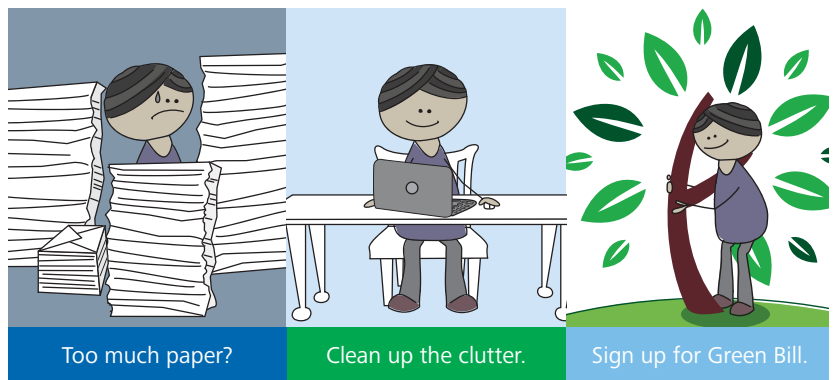
One way to save is by registering to use My Account, a Web-based interactive tool that is free and easy to use, at [atlanticcityelectric.com](http://atlanticcityelectric.com). My Account provides you with a detailed analysis of your specific electricity use and offers ways you can reduce your use to save on your monthly energy bill.

If you are having a difficult time paying your electricity bill, contact Customer Care for information on payment programs such as Budget Billing or to make reasonable payment arrangements. That number is 1-800-642-3780.

*\*Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

**SIGN UP FOR GREEN BILL**, our online billing and payment system, and stop receiving a paper bill. Go to [atlanticcityelectric.com](http://atlanticcityelectric.com) and sign on to My Account and then select "Go Green (Paperless)" from the left menu.

As part of My Account, you will automatically receive a monthly e-mail stating that your bill is ready to view and pay. You also have the option to sign up for AutoPay and have your bill paid automatically each month.



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

# Hurricane Season Reminder

Summer may be about over, but hurricane season lasts until November 30. Here are important reminders to keep you prepared:

- Keep Atlantic City Electric's emergency number – 1-800-833-7476 – handy to report outages or wires down.
- Prepare an emergency survival kit to include a flashlight, battery-powered radio, fresh batteries, essential medication, nonperishable food, and enough fresh water to last several days.
- Develop a contingency plan. Decide where to go in the event of a lengthy power outage such as seeking temporary shelter with family or friends.

Atlantic City Electric regularly prepares for the possibility of power outages. We maintain supplies of essential equipment, such as poles and wires, and stay in contact with regional utilities to quickly obtain mutual assistance.

## Rules for Back-to-School Safety

As children head back to school this fall, their day probably will begin and end with a trip on a school bus. Follow these safety rules so all children arrive home safely.

- **YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS** indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- **RED FLASHING LIGHTS** and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.
- Finally, don't forget to slow down in neighborhoods with school zones. Watch for children walking in the street, playing or congregating near bus stops.



Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

## Plugging into the Sun

New Jersey is one of the fastest growing markets for solar development in the United States, second only behind California, and Atlantic City Electric is doing its part.

Recently, we were pleased to host the first Solar Interconnection Forum at Rowan University to demonstrate our commitment to renewable energy.

More than 130 solar contractors, developers and installers joined state regulators, local officials and other stakeholders to discuss Atlantic City Electric's solar interconnection process as well as system challenges.

## October Things to do in the region

**Oct 9: Irish Festival;** Smithville Village Greene, Rt. 9 & Moss Mill Rd., Smithville; 609-646-4550, Wendie. [HistoricSmithville@comcast.net](mailto:HistoricSmithville@comcast.net).

**Oct 9-10: Pumpkin Show Family Festival;** Atlantic County 4-H Fairground, Rte. 50, Egg Harbor; 856-765-0118, [www.sjpumpkinshow.com](http://www.sjpumpkinshow.com).

**Oct 9 & 10: Vintage Dance Weekend;** Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities, Cape May; 609-884-5404, [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Oct 15: Roast Beef Dinner;** Episcopal Church of the Advent, 612 Franklin St., Cape May; 609-884-3065.

**Oct 15-31: Halloween Happenings in Victorian Cape May;** Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities, Cape May; 609-884-5404, [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**Oct 22-23: Haunted Seaport;** Tuckerton Seaport Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, 09-296-8868, [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org).

**Oct 23: Indoor/Outdoor Craft Fair Benefit;** Stafford Township Fire House, 133 Stafford Ave., Manahawkin; 609-698-3041.

**Oct 24: Oyster & Ham Dinner;** Port Norris Fire Company; 856-785-2562.

**Oct 29: Halloween Costume Ball;** Tuckerton Seaport Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, 609-296-8868, [www.TuckertonSeaport.org](http://www.TuckertonSeaport.org).

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

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