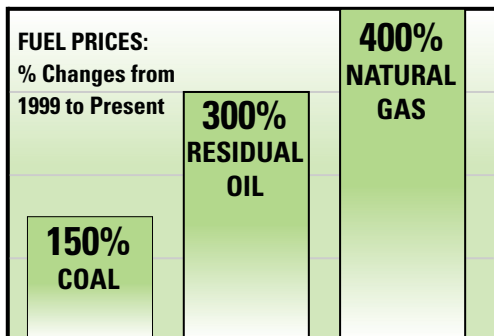


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## Energy: Know How To Save As Prices Go Up

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, consumer energy prices for the Mid-Atlantic area shot up 22.5% in the last 12 months. The dramatic increases in fossil fuel prices, which set the wholesale price for electricity, are illustrated to the left.

Unfortunately, when energy prices go up, so does the cost of electricity. Atlantic City Electric purchases the power it needs to supply its customers through a state-supervised auction held each February. The lowest bids are then used to reset electricity "supply" rates for the company's more than 500,000 customers.

Based on this year's auction, Atlantic City Electric's residential customers will pay approximately 12.5 percent more on their monthly electric bill beginning June 1st when the supply rates are adjusted to reflect current market prices. That means the average monthly bill will go up about \$12.62.

The auction reflects the increasing costs of worldwide energy markets. The price increases are driven by a growing international demand for energy made worse by the impacts of

the hurricanes along our Gulf Coast. Despite the unusually high cost of energy, New Jersey's auction strategy has helped protect customers from even higher energy costs. It also is important to note that these costs are a pass-through to customers: utilities do not profit from this increase in the cost of energy supply.

We're hopeful the market's upward trend will reverse or at least slow. But, in the meantime, we encourage our customers to use energy wisely. Visit our website for more tips, [www.atlanticcityelectric.com](http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com), and click Energy Know How. Or, call our Customer Care Center at 1-800-642-3780 and request a copy of our *85 Ways To Save Energy & Money* brochure.

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities also offers energy efficiency programs that include rebates on certain equipment as well as a home energy analyzer to help you save even more on your monthly bills. For more information, visit [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://www.njcleanenergy.com).

Graph Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Q:** Does using two or three outlets for charging batteries for cellular phones, sweepers and such cause an increase in energy costs?

**A:** Yes, the more you use one or multiple electrical outlets, the more you will pay in home energy costs. One way you can reduce your home energy costs is to unplug those battery chargers once the battery is charged. If you leave the charger in the electrical outlet, it continues to draw power and increases your home energy costs.

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# Atlantic City Electric Celebrates Earth Day

The first Earth Day was celebrated on a cheerful spring day in April nearly 36 years ago. And, in the years since, April has been designated as Earth Month. This year, Atlantic City Electric again plans to participate in numerous environmental activities throughout the month, ranging from river cleanups to recycling events. We personally invite our customers to attend the Atlantic County Utilities Authority Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 23rd, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Haneman Park in Egg Harbor Township. Atlantic City Electric Regional President Ken Parker and Board of Public Utilities President Jeanne Fox are expected to speak at this event.

Atlantic City Electric's commitment to being a good environmental steward is not limited to a particular day or month; it is a year-round commitment and the company has received many recognitions and awards for that stewardship. For the past several years, the company has been named a Tree Line Utility by the National Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of the way it cares for trees along its rights-of-way. Those rights-of-way also serve as habitats for a variety of wildlife. Additionally, each year the company recycles several tons of materials we use to keep the electricity flowing—everything from wires to the tires and batteries we use in our service vehicles. That effort extends to our employees who work indoors, and recycling bins are located throughout all of our facilities.

In celebration of Earth Month, we encourage our customers to plant and/or trim a tree. But we ask that you follow these safety guidelines:

- Plant low-lying trees, such as dogwoods, which are less likely to come in contact with power lines.
- Do not attempt to trim trees near power lines. It is dangerous and can result in injury or death. Consult a professional.
- Do not plant vines or other creeping vegetation near utility poles.

To learn more about tree planting and care visit the Arbor Day Website at: [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org). To learn more about Earth Day visit [www.earthday.gov](http://www.earthday.gov).

## Call Before You Dig

**If you live in New Jersey and you are planning to dig in your yard for any reason, call NJ One Call at 800-272-1000 at least three days and not more than 10 days before you dig so that underground utility services can be identified to prevent damage or potential injury.**

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### Delaware (Area code 302)

**May 1-14: A Murder, A Mystery & A Marriage:** A Mark Twain Musical Melodrama; DE Theatre Co., Wilm.; 594-1100, [www.delawaretheatrecompany.org](http://www.delawaretheatrecompany.org)

**May 5: Arasapha Garden Club's May Market;** Behind Town Hall, Old New Castle

**May 6: Garden Tour;** Mr. Olivet United Methodist Church, Seaford; 629-2466

**May 20: Brady Kohn Fdn. Children's Fair;** St. Anthony's in the Hills; 765-2875, [www.thebradykohndfoundation.org](http://www.thebradykohndfoundation.org)

**May 25: Annual Delmarva Scholarship Golf Classic;** Cavaliers Country Club, Newark; 283-5825

**May 26: Nur Shrine: Royal Hanneford Circus;** Shrine Center, Rt 13, New Castle; 302-328-6100, 800-449-9331

### Maryland (Area code 410)

**May 5,6: Garden Market & Plant Sale;** St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church, North East; 410-658-6634, [dnj@zoominternet.net](mailto:dnj@zoominternet.net)

**May 6: Wye Parish Annual May Fair;** Old Wye Church, Wye Mills; 410-827-8484, [wyparish@toad.net](mailto:wyparish@toad.net)

**May 13: Fiberfest;** J. A. Purnell Museum, 410-632-0515, [www.purnellmuseum.com](http://www.purnellmuseum.com)

**May 20,21: Civil War Living History Weekend;** Havre de Grace; 410-939-2299, 888-419-1762, [steppingstonemuseum@msn.com](mailto:steppingstonemuseum@msn.com)

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

**May 5: Disabilities Resource Center: Good Neighbor Golf Classic;** Harbor Pines Golf Club, 609-646-0388

**May 6: Red Hat Day** in Alloway; Town of Alloway; 856-339-4448, 856-339-0070

**May 12: 2006 Teen Arts Festival;** Millville Riverfront Renaissance Center

**May 20: Far Shore Art & Music Festival;** Charlesworth Hotel, Fortescue; 856-447-4938

**May 27-29: Rankokus Indian Reservation Semi-Annual Arts Festival;** Rankokus Rd, Westhampton; 609-261-4747, [Powhatan@powhatan.org](mailto:Powhatan@powhatan.org)

### Virginia (Area code 757)

**May 5: Shore Health Services: Best of Virginia's Eastern Shore;** Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, Melfa; 757-442-2205, [sschreiber@shs-inc.org](mailto:sschreiber@shs-inc.org)

**May 13,14: 12th Annual Migratory Bird Celebration;** Chincoteague Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Assateague; 757-336-6122

For more events: Click on "In Your Community" at our Web site, Atlantic City Electric Region, visit [www.atlanticcityelectric.com](http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com); Delmarva Power Region, visit [www.delmarva.com](http://www.delmarva.com). To include a future event either in ENYCU or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or send an e-mail to [Energy.News@pepcoholdings.com](mailto:Energy.News@pepcoholdings.com).