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Sheltering at Home Can Increase Energy Bills; Here's How to Get Help Even with low electric rates, if usage is high your bill may be, too

BATON ROUGE – With schools closed and many workers temporarily unemployed or telecommuting due to the coronavirus pandemic, many families have a full house during times the home would normally be empty. The result is often an increased demand for energy to fuel daily lives, and that can quickly lead to a higher-than-normal energy bill.

The best way to manage this increase in energy use is to follow simple <u>energy-saving</u> <u>tips</u>, including regularly replacing HVAC filters, insulating doors and windows, and keeping your home temperature at 78 degrees. For every degree above or below the recommended seasonal temperature, your bill can increase by as much as 3%. But if a high bill has already arrived, there are ways you can get help managing your costs or even paying your bill.

Here are three more ways to manage through the higher costs of powering your home:

- <u>Level Billing</u> Entergy averages your bill over a rolling 12-month period so you have a consistent bill each month of the year. Pay about the same every month, with no surprises.
- <u>Pick-A-Date</u> Choose what day of the month you get billed to line up with your budget and manage your cash flow.

• <u>Power to Care</u> - Through Entergy's The Power to Care program, local nonprofit agencies can provide emergency bill payment assistance to seniors and disabled individuals in crisis.

Working with their regulators, Entergy's utilities in Louisiana temporarily suspended disconnections for nonpayment. However, Entergy encourages customers to make payments on their accounts and will work directly with customers to make payment arrangements if they are unable to pay in full. Customers requiring such arrangements should call 1-800-ENTERGY (800-368-3749) or visit <u>myAccount</u>.

In addition, to help working families experiencing financial hardships as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, the Entergy Charitable Foundation has established the <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Emergency Relief Fund</u>. Entergy shareholders are committing \$700,000 to the fund to help qualifying customers with basic needs such as food, rent and mortgage aid, and other critical needs until financial situations become more stable. Grants from the fund will be made available to United Way organizations and other nonprofit partners across Entergy's service area that are providing services to impacted households.

If you think you're going to need help with your power bill, don't delay. Call Entergy's customer service representatives at 1-800-Entergy (1-800-368-3749) to see what solution might be right for you.

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