



## Remember to Thank a Lineman

*April 9 is National Lineman Appreciation Day*

*In appreciation for all they do to keep the power on, NOVEC thanks its line technicians and asks all Co-op members to remember and recognize them.*

*Show your appreciation and tag us when you #ThankALineman on social media: [www.facebook.com/novec](http://www.facebook.com/novec) and/or [www.twitter.com/novec](http://www.twitter.com/novec).*

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

NOVEC joins customer-owned electric cooperatives across the country to honor line technicians on April 9 — National Lineman Appreciation Day.

NOVEC's line technicians work in blistering summer heat, bitter winter cold, late into the night and in the dark hours of the early morning, to ensure our members have power. Line technicians brave the elements and put their lives at risk every day to keep the lights on. Their hard work and sacrifices deserve to be recognized.

"To be a lineman, you need mental fortitude, physical strength, technical skills, and a true desire to help others when the power goes out," says Skip Hollcroft, manager of NOVEC's Construction department and our line technicians. "Not everyone can be a lineman. Their bravery and dedication deserves to be recognized."

Please join us on April 9, and throughout the year, to celebrate our line technicians. You can show your support on social media with #ThankALineman.



**Pictured at the top left and directly above, linemen at work on a utility pole — from the 1960s to present-day.**

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## SPRING SAFETY WITH OUTDOOR CHORES

As the weather warms up, many people will begin outdoor spring chores involving electricity and power tools. Stay safe by following these tips:

- Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.
- Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs and cracked or broken housing before use.
- Avoid damp conditions — including wet grass — when using tools that require electricity.
- Keep all ladders at least 10 ft. away from overhead powerlines.
- If the job requires more than a 100 ft. distance, a temporary power distribution box is recommended.
- Always wear personal protective equipment when using power tools. This includes safety goggles, hearing protection, dust masks, and gloves.
- Use extreme caution when cutting or drilling into walls where electrical wires or water pipes could accidentally be damaged.

Source: *Electrical Safety Foundation International*

## DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH ENERGY YOUR HOME USES?

Spring is approaching, and with it comes warmer weather. As the temperature changes, so will your energy use. While you're doing your spring cleaning, don't forget to evaluate your home's energy use to see where you could save.

NOVEC's Energy Resource Center allows customers to analyze their home energy use and has calculators for lighting, heating/cooling, appliances, televisions, and even pools/spas. There is even a calculator available to help customers see how they can maximize energy savings by using a programmable thermostat.

To access the Energy Resource Center and see where you could save on home energy, visit [www.novec.com/save](http://www.novec.com/save) and click "Visit the Energy Resource Center."

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