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Tip of the Month

Did you know ceiling fans can make a room feel four degrees cooler? In the summer, operate ceiling fans in a counterclockwise direction. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not spaces, so save energy by turning them off when you leave the room.

What's Current

AUGUST 2023

HELP NOVEC BEAT THE PEAK

The laws of supply and demand also apply to electricity. When demand is highest on any given day, the price of electricity increases. By reducing the amount of power consumed during peak periods, NOVEC can reduce its total wholesale power costs. Fluctuations in these expenses are passed directly on to customers, so when NOVEC cuts costs, all of our customers benefit.

Daily tips for reducing electricity when demand is highest:

- In the summer, turn the thermostat up a few degrees when no one will be home for an extended period of time. In the winter, keep the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower. A programmable thermostat can make these adjustments automatically.
- Use ceiling fans to keep cooled air circulating; turn them off when you leave the room.
- Run the dishwasher, clothes washer, and dryer only in the late evening or early morning.
- Turn off all unnecessary lights and appliances. Unplug electronic devices, chargers, and televisions, as they can pull some power through an outlet even when turned off.

Help lower costs by enrolling in NOVEC's load management program

NOVEC's load management programs keep power costs down by reducing electric load during times of peak consumer demand. A load management switch can be attached to your water heater and/or central air conditioner. When demand is high, the switches cycle appliances off for limited periods of time each day. In exchange, you can arrange for a free evaluation of a malfunctioning air conditioner before a contractor is called. Faulty water heater electrical parts can be repaired or replaced without charge up to \$250. For more information about this voluntary program, scan the QR code with the camera app on your mobile device or visit www.novec.com/loadmanagement.





CAN YOU DIG IT?
Dial 811 first.

NATIONAL 811 DAY ON AUG. 11: CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

NOVEC recognizes National 811 Day on Aug. 11 — the 11th day of the 8th month. State law requires you to dial 811 or 1-800-552-7001, or go to va811.com at least three days before starting a landscape or construction project. The wrong shovel thrust can disrupt utility service for an entire neighborhood. More importantly, it can shock or electrocute someone, or cause a dangerous gas leak.

After calling 811, va811 will notify the appropriate utility companies, including NOVEC. Locators will mark underground lines, pipes, and cables on your property, so you will know their approximate location. If digging near NOVEC lines, please dig at least five feet from the marks.

**Annual Meeting
 SAVE THE DATE**

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023

When: 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023

Where: NOVEC Gainesville Technical Center
 5399 Wellington Branch Dr.
 Gainesville, VA 20155

NOVEC Board Chairman Wade House, and President and CEO David E. Schleicher will review 2022 accomplishments and discuss current co-op initiatives. This year's uncontested District 2 election results will be formally announced at the meeting.

Visit novec.com/annualmeeting or call NOVEC's Customer Care Center at 703-335-0500 for details and updates prior to the meeting.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE:

Monday, Sept. 4, 2023

NOVEC offices will be closed for Labor Day.

The systems control center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even on holidays. To report outages, call 703-335-0500, or visit novec.com.



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