

What's Current

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DON'T FORGET! SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH TOUR DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING



Scholarship: Don't miss the **March 13, 2017**, deadline for the NOVEC Scholarship Program, which awards \$1,500 to high school seniors in Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford counties as well as the City of Manassas Park – where NOVEC provides electric service. Additionally, a single \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a home-schooled or private school student.

Visit www.novec.com/scholarships to access the scholarship information and application.



Youth Tour: For high school sophomores and juniors, the deadline to apply for the NOVEC Youth Tour is February 17, 2017. If you have a passion for American government and an interest in learning about our nation's capital, apply for NOVEC's Youth Tour program. Five students who receive electric power from NOVEC will be selected for this all-expense-paid, once-in-a-lifetime trip. Visit www.novec.com/youthtour for additional information and to download the application, or e-mail a request to youthtour@novec.com.

USE THE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER TO SAVE!

NOVEC's online Energy Resource
Center is loaded with tools to help
members save energy and money
on their electric bills. The "Heating
Comparison Calculator" performs a
quick and easy estimated annual cost
comparison of different heating options,
while the "Space Heaters" calculator
details the monthly cost of operating
one, or more, space heaters. Also, the
"Setback Heating Calculator" estimates
the savings gained by installing and
setting a programmable thermostat.
These calculators and more
are available at

www.novec.com/erc

Holiday Office Closure:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

NOVEC offices will be closed for Presidents' Day

The operations center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even on holidays. To report outages, call 703-335-0500 or toll-free 1-888-335-0500.

- Congratulations -

Mr. Dominic Bueno of Aldie, Va., won this quarter's new customer survey drawing and received a \$25 Lowe's gift card.



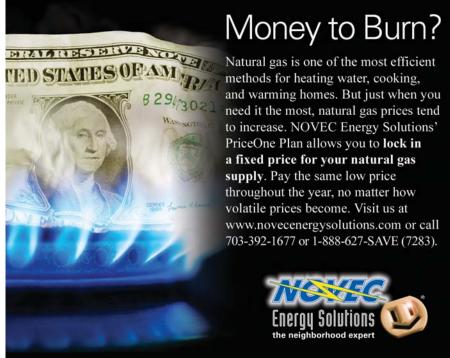


ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR RENTERS

Approximately one-third of Americans rent their homes. Unfortunately, many lease agreements forbid major alterations to rental properties; however, renters can make a few simple, low-cost changes to improve the efficiency of their homes.

- To increase efficiency, Energy.gov recommends setting the thermostat to 68 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.
- In the winter, take advantage of heat from sunlight whenever possible by opening draperies and shades during the day to allow natural light to heat your home. Remember to close them as the sun goes down and the temperature drops.
- Temper your hot water use and the amount of water you use by installing an energy-efficient, low-flow showerhead in your shower.
- Instead of washing a handful of clothing or dishes at a time, save energy and money by washing full loads. More loads equate to more energy spent and more money out of your pocket.
- Unplug electronic devices when not in use, and use smart power strips to save on energy.
- Replace old incandescent light bulbs with ENERGY STAR® -certified LED bulbs.
- Combat air leaks by applying removable rope caulk or shrink-film plastic on drafty windows and doors.

To learn more ways to be energy efficient around the home, visit www.novec.com/save.





With life's many ups and downs, down can be a very good direction.

In 2017, the average home's power bill from NOVEC will **go down by nearly \$11 a month**. That's because NOVEC, a not-for-profit electric cooperative, provides wholesale power to its customers at cost. Any changes in that cost are passed along through an annual power cost adjustment on bills.

That makes down a very good direction!



