



Tip of the Month:

Never swim if you hear thunder! Even if skies look clear, lightning can strike many miles from a thunderstorm. Remember: When thunder roars, go indoors!

SUMMER STORM PREPARATION

Remember To:

- Keep cellphones charged.
- Update the phone number on your NOVEC account. This helps locate your address when you call to report an outage, and helps expedite restoration.
- Call 911 and NOVEC immediately to report downed power lines and poles. Stay away from them and the ground around them, which can also be energized.
- Unplug TVs, DVD/ VCR players, microwave ovens, and computers to protect them from power surges and lightning strikes.
- Secure outdoor items like bikes and tricycles or patio furniture, and anything else wind could turn into a projectile.

For more storm and outage information, go to www.novec.com/outageinfo.

If Power Goes Out:

- Contact NOVEC by calling 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500, texting #OUT to 85700, or reporting on www.novec.com.
- Check NOVEC's Outage Center for updates.
- Use flashlights or lanterns instead of candles. If using candles, keep them away from children and flammable objects.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator/freezer.
- **Warning:** If using a portable generator, camp stove, or charcoal grill, use it only outdoors. These items can create deadly carbon-monoxide fumes indoors. Hire a qualified electrician to install whole-house generators to make sure electricity does not backfeed onto the grid and seriously harm line techs trying to restore service.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018
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Independence 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.



EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST TO FOLLOW WHEN YOU'RE STORM PREPPING

NOVEC SUGGESTS:

- FLASHLIGHTS AND/OR BATTERY-POWERED LANTERNS
- BATTERY-OPERATED RADIO
- FIRST-AID KIT
- BOTTLED WATER
- NONPERISHABLE FOOD
- MANUAL CAN OPENERS
- FONDUE OR CHAFING DISH AND CANNED FUEL
- MATCHES
- ICE COOLERS AND ICE PACKS
- PAPER AND PLASTICWARE
- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
- PET FOOD



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Beware of electric shock drowning this summer

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) severely injures and kills people every year. ESD occurs when faulty wiring sends electric current into water. The electricity then passes through the body and causes paralysis, which could ultimately result in drowning. Whether you own a boat, are visiting a marina, or have a pool in your backyard, know how to avoid ESD:

- Locate and label all power switches to pool, hot tub, spa equipment, and lighting.
- Make sure all pools, hot tubs, and spas are at least 25 feet from power lines.
- All wiring and repairs should be performed by a qualified electrician.
- Have your pool, spa, or hot tub inspected annually by a qualified electrician.
- Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs), which can prevent electrocution, on all receptacles within 20 feet of water's edge.

What to do if you see Electric Shock Drowning

1. Do not enter the water.
2. Turn off source of power.
3. Call 911.
4. Use an insulated device (such as fiberglass rescue crook) to attempt to remove the victim from the water.

Source: *Electrical Safety Foundation International*

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