

# Summer, Sunshine and Saving Energy

## Tip of the Month

*Doing summer chores in the yard? Inspect all power tools, extension cords and other equipment for damage first, and only use extension cords marked for outdoor use.*

### SUMMER ENERGY TIPS:

The heat of summer brings an increase to electrical use in homes everywhere. Hot weather and increased humidity present different challenges on how to save energy in your home. Keep cool this summer and reduce your energy costs with these tips:

- ☀️ Close blinds, shades or curtains on south-facing windows to help reduce sun heat.
- ☀️ Use ceiling fans or portable fans to keep cool instead of turning down the thermostat — but remember to turn them off when you leave the room.
- ☀️ Make sure furniture or curtains do not block vents. This helps your HVAC system work more efficiently.
- ☀️ Replace incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs to reduce energy used on lighting, and turn off lights when you leave a room — much of the energy from a lightbulb is heat.
- ☀️ Clean or replace the air filters in your HVAC system so it won't have to work as hard to cool your home.
- ☀️ Run the dishwasher or washer/dryer only when full, and run it early in the morning or at night when outside temperatures are cooler.
- ☀️ Weather-strip or caulk around window and door frames to prevent air leaks and keep cooled air inside your home.
- ☀️ Cook on an outdoor grill instead of cooking indoors. Using the indoor stove or oven can raise your kitchen's temperature by as much as 10 degrees!

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## UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBERS WITH NOVEC

Current phone numbers improve communications between NOVEC and its customers. When customers call to report an outage from an account-listed phone number, that number — linked to their address — helps system operators locate the outage faster. Additionally, when NOVEC needs to disrupt service for maintenance, the System Operations Center can inform customers in advance via phone or text message.

### How to update your information

Log into [www.novec.com](http://www.novec.com), select Manage Account, then *Update Account*. You can also call 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500, select option “2,” then option “3,” and follow directions. You’ll need your account number. You can list up to two phone numbers on your account.

### Text message communications

Customers with cellphone numbers listed on their NOVEC account can report outages and receive status updates via text. Report an outage by texting **#OUT** to **85700** and check outage status by texting **STATUS**.

## ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEC’s 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Battlefield High School in Haymarket, Virginia. The nomination process is now open for one seat on the Co-op’s board of directors.

### Deadline for nominations

Any NOVEC member living in District 1 (Northern Centreville and parts of Herndon, Chantilly, Aldie, Ashburn and Sterling) may run for the board of directors. To obtain a nomination petition, call 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500 and request ext. 1501. NOVEC must receive all nomination petitions by the close of business (5 p.m.) on Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

### Return a completed petition to:

President/CEO Stan Feuerberg  
NOVEC  
P.O. Box 2710  
Manassas, VA 20108

Petitions may be hand-delivered Monday-Friday between 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. to:

NOVEC Lomond Business Center  
10323 Lomond Drive  
Manassas, VA 20109

NOVEC will request permission from all candidates for an independently conducted background check. The results of all background checks will be provided to the board of directors and Nominees Evaluation Committee.

For more information about the nomination process, email [annualmeetingLK@novec.com](mailto:annualmeetingLK@novec.com).

# Safety First.



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**Put Safety First. Your life depends on it.**



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