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Tip of the Month

When thunder roars, go indoors! Seek shelter indoors or in a hard-topped vehicle. If you can't get to shelter, stay away from tall, isolated trees and objects.

What's Current

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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SUMMER STORMS?

Severe storms with heavy rain, lightning and high winds can cause flooding and power outages. Know what to do before and during an outage by visiting novec.com/safety, and follow these tips:

- Keep cellphones charged, and have a full-battery portable charger as backup.
- Unplug TVs, microwave ovens, and computers to protect them from power surges and lightning strikes.
- Avoid property loss or damage by securing outdoor items, including bikes, grills, and patio furniture. Bring items indoors if possible so they don't get caught in high winds.
- Do not enter a flooded basement if power has not been turned off. The water can carry dangerous electrical current.
- Have an emergency kit prepared with water, nonperishable food, a first-aid kit, and extra batteries.
- During an outage, use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns instead of candles to prevent fire hazards.
- If you see downed power lines or poles, stay away — the ground around them can be energized and dangerous. Notify NOVEC immediately. If phone lines are busy, call 911.
- If your power goes out, call 703-335-0500, report it online at novec.com, or text #OUT to 85700 with a NOVEC-listed cellphone number.
- Track outages at novec.com/stormcenter.

EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST FOR **STORM PREPPING**

NOVEC SUGGESTS:

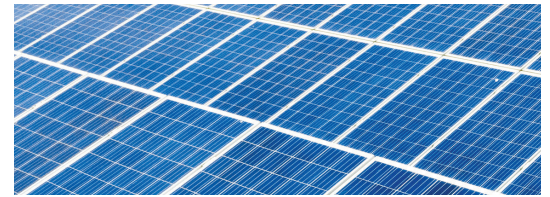
- FLASHLIGHTS AND/OR BATTERY-POWERED LANTERNS
- BATTERY-OPERATED RADIO
- FIRST-AID KIT
- BOTTLED WATER
- NONPERISHABLE PEOPLE AND PET FOOD
- MANUAL CAN OPENERS
- FONDUE OR CHAFING DISH AND CANNED FUEL
- MATCHES
- ICE COOLERS AND ICE PACKS
- PAPER AND PLASTICWARE

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SETTING SIGHTS ON SOLAR

NOVEC has reached an agreement to purchase 300 megawatts of electricity from solar-energy “farms” owned by D.E. Shaw Renewable Investments (DESRI). The new solar electricity will add to the 60 megawatts of renewable energy NOVEC already distributes to Co-op customers from its woody biomass generating plant in Halifax County, as well as generators that use hydropower, solar energy, and landfill methane gas.

NOVEC President and CEO Stan Feuerberg said, “This agreement with DESRI is another step toward meeting our customers’ expectations for more renewable energy in NOVEC’s resource mix. Our strategy is to continue improving our environmental footprint through the addition of new renewable-energy sources that are not only clean, but also affordable. This partnership with DESRI does just that.”

Interested in solar for your home?

NOVEC Solutions has partnered with Prospect Solar and ElecTel Credit Union to offer NOVEC’s residential customers an easy and affordable way to install solar. Learn more at novec.com/solar.

NOVEC HELPS GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$30K

NOVEC’s nonprofit volunteer organization, NOVEC HELPS, held its 17th annual golf tournament in May at Bull Run Golf Club in Haymarket. With support from scores of golfers and sponsors, NOVEC HELPS raised approximately \$30,000 for other 501(c)(3) organizations.

Groups that have received support in the last year include homeless shelters, health-prevention and research organizations,

therapeutic riding centers, youth clubs, and groups that aid military veterans.

NOVEC HELPS extends its gratitude to all players and tournament sponsors.

Nan Musick (left) and Tong Thomas greet registering golfers. Photo by Matthew Robertson



NOVEC HELPS, Hands Engaged in Local Public Service, is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization of NOVEC employees who volunteer in the community. NOVEC HELPS accepts applications for support from schools and 501(c)(3) organizations. The HELPS board of directors votes on projects and events to support, whether with financial donations or with feet on the ground. Learn more at novechelps.org. Follow HELPS on [facebook.com/novechelps](https://www.facebook.com/novechelps).