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**Tip of
the Month**

About 30% of the home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows.

Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

What's Current
MARCH 2022

MAINTAINING NOVEC'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY

NOVEC Vegetation Management crews remove and trim trees inside the Co-op's 30-foot-wide rights-of-way throughout the year. This helps to ensure safe, reliable electric service. But when trees and branches fall on power lines during storms and cause power outages, the Co-op and its contractors must free power lines so lineworkers can restore electric service quickly and safely.

What happens to the tree debris?

Property owners are responsible for their tree debris disposal, since NOVEC does not own the trees.

For more information about storm cleanup visit novec.com/damagedtrees or call the Customer Care Center at 703-335-0500 or 888-335-0500.

NEVER attempt to remove a tree lying on or entangled in overhead power lines. Assume all lines are energized and can cause shock or death by electrocution.



WHY AMERICA ‘SPRINGS FORWARD’ FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The U.S. implemented daylight saving time during both world wars to save energy. Since only some states observed it after the WWII, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act in 1966 to standardize America’s time.

Congress extended DST four weeks in 2005. We now “spring forward” on the second Sunday in March and “fall back” on the first Sunday of November. Some states and U.S. territories do not observe the time change.

Does DST save energy?

According to studies by the National Bureau of Economic Research and the U.S. Department of Energy, Americans do not save much electricity during DST, if any. A National Bureau of Standards study found “no conclusive evidence for decreased production of electrical energy during daylight saving time.”

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to spring forward on **March 13!**
Set your clocks forward by one hour.



Nevertheless, people who long for outdoor recreation after work and school in early March welcome DST — especially after a cold, dark winter.

Depend on NOVEC, instead of the clock, to help you save energy. See our tips and tools at novec.com/save.

TOGETHER, LET'S CONTROL POWER BILLS

As winter temps drop, your heating system uses more energy to keep your home warm. This can drive up electricity use and your bills.

We're here to help. Reduce energy use and manage your bills with these tips:



Set the thermostat at 68°F or lower and dress in cozy layers.



Don't use space heaters. They are energy hogs that use more electricity than you think.

Find more easy ways to save and custom energy calculators, at the [NOVEC.com](https://novec.com) Energy Resource Center!



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