



Save the Date!

2016 NOVEC Annual Meeting Scheduled for Sept. 14
Nomination Process Open for NOVEC Board of Directors

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NOVEC will hold its 2016 annual meeting on Sept. 14 at Battlefield High School in Haymarket, Virginia. Please save the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Cooperative members will receive invitations and meeting information in the mail in late August or early September.

After enjoying a pasta dinner, Co-op members attending the annual meeting can visit various informational booths, conduct business, and hear the state-of-the-Cooperative reports from the board

of directors' chairman and the president/ chief executive officer. Conducting business includes electing directors to serve on NOVEC's nine-person board. Directors serve four-year staggered terms, so two or three positions are up for election every year. In 2016, members will elect directors to represent District 4 (northwestern Prince William County, Sudley/Bull Run Mountain) and District 5 (Prince William County, south of Rt. 29 to Rt. 234).

Deadline for Nominations

Any NOVEC member living in District 4 or District 5 may run for the board of directors. To obtain a nomination petition, call customer service at 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500. **NOVEC must receive all nomination petitions by the close of business (5 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.**

For more information about the 2016 Annual Meeting or the nomination process, visit www.novec.com/annualmeeting.

Summer energy efficiency: myth vs. fact

- **Myth:** Lowering the thermostat setting will cool you off faster.
- **Fact:** When you turn down your thermostat, the unit will cool at the same speed regardless of its setting. In fact, if you turn down your air conditioner too much, you will waste energy and money.
- **Myth:** Closing the vents on your central air conditioning system will boost its efficiency.
- **Fact:** Closing vents can cause the compressor to cycle too frequently and the heat pump to overload. You'll also use more energy.
- **Myth:** It doesn't matter what time of day you run appliances.
- **Fact:** Time of day does matter when running electrical loads. For example, take advantage of the delay setting and run your dishwasher at night to avoid peak times of use.
- **Myth:** If you're gone all day, you should turn off your A/C.
- **Fact:** Although during milder temperatures, you can turn off the A/C during the day. But when a heat wave hits, it's better to set the programmable thermostat so that it gradually lowers the temperature before you get home.



TODAY'S FORECAST: A COMFORTABLE 78 DEGREES



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees.

Control your climate and expenses by setting your thermostat to 78 degrees in the summer. **Your home will be so comfortable, you'll want to enjoy picnics indoors.** Raise the temperature and lower your bill.



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► Attention!

Are you looking to do energy-efficiency upgrades to your home? Check out the additional insert for information from ElecTel on their energy-efficiency loan program!

⚡ Summer storm season has arrived



While summer brings much fun in the sun, it can also bring the occasional severe storm. In the event of a power outage caused by these summer storms, you can trust that NOVEC is prepared and ready to respond.

The major cause of most power outages comes from damage to power lines due to falling trees and branches. NOVEC right-of-way crews work year round to minimize the risk of power lines in our service territory being damaged by trees, branches or other types of vegetation. This is one of many ways NOVEC prepares for Mother Nature's unpredictability.

Before the next storm strikes Northern Virginia, ensure you are also prepared with these tips:

- Make sure NOVEC has the correct phone numbers associated with your account. Correct numbers will expedite outage reporting and power restoration. Call Customer Service at 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500 to associate up to two phone numbers with your account.
- Designate the safest shelter location.
- Have an emergency kit with non-perishable food, water, manual can opener, flashlights, fresh batteries,

first aid, communications devices, clothing, personal items, medication, blankets and baby-care items.

- Keep cell phones charged with a portable charger.
- If time permits, secure your outdoor items and unplug valuable electronics to protect against power surges.
- Conduct preventative maintenance in and around your home to help protect against damage.
- If you see a tree or branches that look like they could fall on power lines, contact NOVEC's right-of-way department at 703-392-1661 or call Customer Service.
- Post emergency phone numbers, including NOVEC's, near the phone.
- Sign up for text alerts at www.novec.com/novecouth.
- Save stormcenter.novec.com to your favorites on your mobile device for easy access to outage information.

For more information and outage safety tips visit www.novec.com/safety.

Holiday Office Closure

Independence Day — Monday, July 4 ► To report outages, call 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



NEW Customer Service Hours: Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m. 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500



TODAY'S FORECAST: TEXTING POSSIBLE

Report an outage or check its status with our new texting service. Sign up today by visiting www.novec.com/novecouth or text **NOVECOUTH** to **85700**.*

*Standard text messaging rates will apply. NOVEC will never send more than 10 messages a week.

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