

# HAVE YOU THANKED A LINEMAN?

**April 10 is  
National Lineman  
Appreciation Day**

*In appreciation for keeping power flowing, NOVEC thanks its line techs and asks all Co-op members to remember them on April 10 and every day.*

*To show appreciation please post a message on [www.facebook.com/novec](http://www.facebook.com/novec) and/or [www.twitter.com/novec](http://www.twitter.com/novec).*

## JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY



NOVEC joins America's customer-owned electric utilities in honoring the nation's line technicians on April 10, National Lineman Appreciation Day, who put their lives at risk every day to keep the lights on.

"Not everyone can be a lineman," says Skip Hollcroft, manager of NOVEC's Construction department and the Co-op's line techs. "It takes mental fortitude, physical strength, technical skills, and a true desire to help others when the power goes out."

NOVEC's line techs work around the clock in the blistering heat of summer to the bitter cold of winter to ensure our customer-owners have power. Their hard work, dedication and sacrifices deserve recognition.

Please join NOVEC on April 10, or on any day, to celebrate these brave people. To show your support use **#ThankALineman** on social media.



## DO YOU HAVE A STREETLIGHT OUTAGE?

Step 1. Locate the nearest street name, address, or pole number to ensure proper identification and prompt service.

Step 2. Describe the nature of the problem. This could be a complete outage, the light is cycling on and off, the light is remaining on during the day, or the pole has been physically damaged.

Step 3. Report a streetlight outage on [www.novec.com/streetlightoutage](http://www.novec.com/streetlightoutage). All poles maintained by other parties can be reported through their individual websites.

For more information on streetlighting and streetlight outages, please contact NOVEC at 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500.

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## SPRING INTO SAVINGS

As we turn the calendar to March, we leave the bitter-cold days of winter behind us – hopefully – and look forward to the beginning of spring.

With the start of a new season comes a fresh opportunity to find ways to save energy and money. Here are a few simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home as warmer weather arrives:

**Service your air conditioner.** Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent.

**Open windows.** Opening windows creates a cross-wise breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners.

**Use fans.** Cooling your home with fans will allow you to raise your thermostat setting. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.

**Cook outside.** On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.

**Bring in sunlight.** During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.

**Switch on bathroom fans.** Bathroom fans suck out heat and humidity from your home, improving comfort.

For more energy saving tips, visit [www.novec.com/save](http://www.novec.com/save).

## DAYLIGHT SAVING AND ENERGY SAVING

Every Spring, people across the country set their clocks forward an hour to mark the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Germany originally implemented this program in an attempt to conserve energy during World War I. The U.S. followed suit and it became federally regulated in 1966. This year, DST begins Sunday, March 12, at 2 a.m.

But, how much energy does DST save?

In 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy studied the impact of DST on energy consumption in the U.S. and found it saved about 0.5 percent in total electricity per day. While this might not sound like a lot, it adds up to electricity savings of 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours — or the amount of electricity used by more than 100,000 households for an entire year.

To learn how you can save energy during Daylight Saving Time, visit [www.energy.gov/energysaver](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver).

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