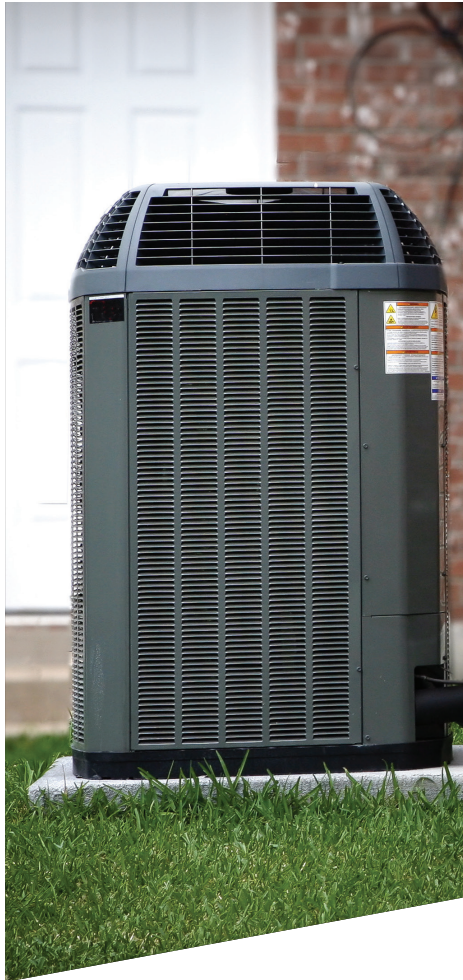




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Tip of the Month

Maximize your air conditioner's cooling power by reducing dirt and debris near your AC unit. Trim foliage back at least two feet to allow for more airflow around the condenser.

What's Current

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KEEP TRANSFORMER BOXES ACCESSIBLE

NOVEC's underground electrical system relies on thousands of transformers to deliver power to our customers' homes.

These green metal boxes convert high-voltage electrical current to a lower-voltage current for residential homes. Unobstructed access to those boxes is crucial so NOVEC technicians can safely conduct repairs when needed. To help ensure access, NOVEC does not allow trees or shrubs to be planted close to these boxes. Clear plants within five feet of each side or the rear, and 10 feet in front of a transformer.



This landscaping encroaches on a utility box that service technicians need to access.

When obstructions are discovered, NOVEC will attempt to leave the homeowner a notice asking them to remove plants or other material that is in violation of NOVEC clearance requirements. If the material is not removed, a NOVEC crew will cut or dig up the material and remove it from the site. However, during emergency power restoration, plant material in violation of these clearances may be trimmed or removed without notification.

WATCH FOR TREE-TRIMMING CREWS THIS SUMMER

While NOVEC doesn't own the trees in its power line rights-of-way, the Co-op works to keep the power lines clear as part of a commitment to reliable electric service. Maintenance crews trim trees and mow undergrowth on a rotating basis, and they respond to reports from customers about trees that may be too close to power lines.

Proactive tree maintenance can help prevent outages, particularly during summer storms.

Call 703-335-0500 to report a potential problem. The crews will break down smaller branches, but large segments of wood left behind are the landowner's responsibility.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN ON YOUR FANS



Fans are an energy-efficient and cost-effective way to stay comfortable as the weather heats up. They help circulate air and provide immediate relief by creating a breeze, which helps to evaporate sweat from your skin. With summer underway and temperatures rising, follow these helpful tips for using fans to make your home feel cooler and more comfortable:

- Set ceiling fans to spin counterclockwise when viewed from below to pull hot air upward and produce a comfortable breeze.
- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room, because fans cool people, not rooms.
- Use the bathroom vent fan to remove heat and humidity when showering or bathing — and consider adding spot ventilation to your laundry room.
- Turn on the ventilation fan when cooking to remove excess heat from the kitchen.
- When buying ceiling fans, look for the ENERGY STAR® label. Ceiling fans that are Energy Star certified are up to 40% more efficient, on average, than conventional models.
- In multilevel houses, the fan should be located on the upper level, if possible, and the open windows should be located on a lower level. If that's not practical, you may want to ventilate each level of your home with separate fans.

Source: Energy.gov

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NOVEC'S 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

Location: NOVEC Gainesville Technical Center,
5399 Wellington Branch Drive, Gainesville, VA 20155

NOVEC Board Chairman Wade House and President and CEO David Schleicher will review 2023 accomplishments and discuss current Co-op initiatives at the Annual Meeting. Members also will elect two directors to represent Districts 4 and 5 for four-year terms (see the district map at novec.com/bod).

Director Nominations Reminder

Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10.

For more information, visit novec.com/annualmeeting or call NOVEC's Customer Care Center at 703-335-0500.

NOTE: NOVEC will not display exhibits, serve dinner, or present prizes at the meeting.



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