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### Tip of the Month

Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water, shortening the drying time. Shorter drying times save energy.

# What's Current

JUNE 2024

## LOOKING TO LOWER YOUR BILL? CHECK THESE ENERGY-SAVING TIPS OFF YOUR LIST

Summer weather is here, and high temperatures and increased humidity can lead to a spike in your home energy use. Stay cool this season and reduce your energy costs with these tips:



- Weather-strip or caulk around windows and door frames to prevent air leaks and keep cooled air in the home.
- Use ceiling fans or portable fans instead of air conditioning — but remember to turn fans off when you leave the room.
- Traditional lightbulbs use more energy and give off more heat than LED bulbs. Switch to LEDs to save money on lighting and reduce home heat buildup.
- Use your grill. Cooking on the stove or in the oven can raise your kitchen's temperature by as much as 10 degrees.
- Make sure vents aren't blocked by furniture or curtains. This helps HVAC systems work more efficiently.
- Use the Home Energy Advisor on [novec.com/erc](https://novec.com/erc) to see where your home uses the most energy.

## HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE — ARE YOU READY?

Atlantic hurricane season starts on June 1 and ends Nov. 30. Have an emergency kit prepared in case of a power outage or an emergency situation. Make sure NOVEC has your most up-to-date phone number, so if you need to call to report an outage, NOVEC will automatically know the site address. Additionally, if there is a need to disrupt service for maintenance, the Control Center can inform customers in advance via phone or text message.

### Build an emergency kit

Prepare for emergency situations with a kit that includes water, nonperishable food, first-aid items, flashlights, extra batteries, and other emergency items. For a complete list to help you build your kit, visit [ready.gov/build-a-kit](https://ready.gov/build-a-kit).



## RIDES, FOOD, & FUN

County fairs are fun for the whole family! Here's a list of fairs happening in NOVEC's communities:

### Clarke County Fair

Aug. 11-17

### Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival

Aug. 1-4

### Fauquier County Fair

July 17-20

(Look for NOVEC's electric safety demonstration.)

### Loudoun County Fair

July 23-27

### Prince William County Fair

Aug. 9-17

### Stafford County Fair

Oct. 17-20

## NOVEC 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

### Save the Date | Wednesday, Sept. 18

**When:** 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18

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

Information about the 2024 NOVEC Annual Meeting and Board of Directors election is posted at [novec.com/annualmeeting](https://novec.com/annualmeeting).



## JUNE 12-18 IS RIGHT-OF-WAY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

Right-of-Way Professionals Week is celebrated every year in the second week of June. NOVEC counts on its right-of-way employees and contractors to maintain clearances underneath its electric lines. Managing vegetation growth on regular cycles helps NOVEC maintain a reliable electric system.