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Tip of the Month

Use your grill. Cooking with a stove or oven can raise your kitchen's temperature by as much as 10 degrees.

What's Current

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GIVE YOUR HOME APPLIANCES A VACATION WHILE YOU'RE ON ONE

When you go on a vacation, whether for a long weekend or several months, give your air conditioner and other home appliances a vacation. You'll save energy and energy dollars.

- **Turn off lamps and lights**, but for security set a few to come on at night with timers. Light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs save more energy than incandescent bulbs and last much longer. A light sensor on an outdoor lamp post will turn bulbs on at dusk and shut them off at dawn. Easy-to-install solar-powered garden lights will do the same. For extra protection, install motion-detector flood lights to startle potential intruders.
- **Set the air conditioner** to a temperature just sufficient to control humidity and protect pets and plants. For each degree set higher, you'll save 2-3% on home cooling. If you turn off your AC, keep in mind that the hotter your house becomes the more energy your refrigerator and freezer will use to keep food cold.
- **Unplug sensitive appliances and devices.** Powerful summer thunderstorms can damage sensitive home appliances and devices. Unplug the microwave oven, computers, printers, televisions, DVD players, and other electronic devices. Make it easy by plugging devices into a power strip and turning it off.
- **Adjust the refrigerator temperature** from 40 degrees to 42. Food will stay cold when no one is opening the door.
- **Adjust the water heater.** Turn a gas water heater dial to "vacation." Turn down an electric water heater. Leave yourself a note to adjust the setting when you return home.
- **Close window treatments** to block hot solar rays. White shades, blinds, and white-lined curtains reflect the most rays.

NOVEC wishes you an energy-smart, secure vacation. For more energy-saving ideas, visit novec.com/save.

ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING



How to Avoid Electric Shock Drowning



Locate and label all power switches to pool, hot tub, and spa equipment and lighting.



Make sure all pools, hot tubs, and spas are at least **25 feet from power lines**.



All wiring and repairs should be performed by a **qualified electrician**.



Have a qualified electrician **inspect your pool, spa, or hot tub annually**.



Install **GFCIs**, which can prevent electrocution, on all receptacles within **20 feet** of water's edge.

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BEWARE OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING

As summer approaches, people typically spend more time swimming in pools or natural bodies of water. Electric shock drowning occurs when electric current travels through water and passes through the body, which causes paralysis and can ultimately result in drowning.

Know what to do if you see signs of electric shock drowning:

- Do not enter the water
- Turn off the source of power
- Call 911
- Use an insulated device (such as a fiberglass rescue crook) to attempt to remove the victim from the water

SAVE the DATE

NOVEC'S 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

9/21/22

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Gainesville, VA 20155

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