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Tip of the Month

Be merry and bright, but don't let your holiday lights shine all night. Save money on your electric bill by installing a light timer for your decked-out home.

What's Current

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

PRACTICE ELECTRIC SAFETY & PREVENT FIRES

As you decorate for the holiday season, follow these safety precautions:

- Make sure all outdoor decorations are marked for outdoor use.
- Check electrical decorations for damage. Damaged sockets, bare wires, and loose connections can cause a serious shock or fire.
- Protect electrical cords from damage. Never pinch a cord and never place it under a rug. Don't attach cords with nails or staples, and keep them away from heat sources.
- Never plug extension cords/surge protectors together in a "daisy chain."
- Check lights for a certification label to ensure lights have been safety tested.

RECYCLE YOUR CUT CHRISTMAS TREE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

When the holidays are over, remove all decorations, ornament hooks, and light strings on your cut Christmas tree and bring it to NOVEC's Gainesville Technical Center. Place it in the parking lot designated with orange safety cones. The Co-op will turn your tannenbaum into garden mulch.



WHERE:

Gainesville Technical Center, 5399 Wellington Branch Drive (near the Route 29 and I-66 interchange)

WHEN:

Dec. 26, 2022 - Jan. 9, 2023

For more information, contact NOVEC's vegetation management department at 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500, extension 1600, or vegetationmgmt@novec.com.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Veterans Day

Friday, Nov. 11, 2022

Thanksgiving

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25, 2022

Christmas (Observed)

Friday and Monday, Dec. 23-26, 2022

New Year's (Observed)

Monday, Jan. 2, 2023

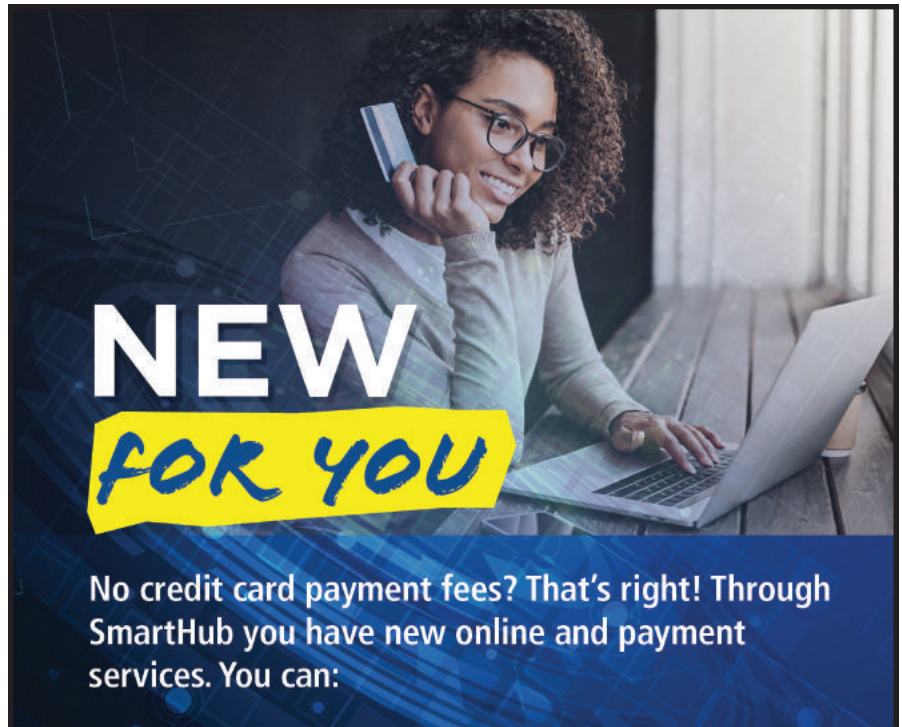
The System Control Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even on holidays. To report outages, call 703-335-0500 or toll-free 1-888-335-0500.

INSULATING SAFETY TIPS

Insulate your home before cold weather arrives. You'll be more comfortable and you'll save energy dollars. If you do it yourself, heed these safety tips:

- Keep insulation rolls rolled and loose-fill insulation bagged until you use them.
- Wear long sleeves, work gloves, protective goggles, and facemasks to avoid contact with insulation particles. Insulation particles that get into skin and lungs can impair health.
- Keep insulation three inches away from all electrical wires and lighting fixtures to prevent a fire.
- Use a portable, caged work lamp with an extension cord for adequate light.
- Lay wood planks across floor joists to keep from falling through the attic floor.
- Don't smoke while working.
- Wash work clothes thoroughly after installing insulation.

Go to novec.com/save for more insulation and energy-saving information. Go to energystar.gov for recommended insulation levels for Virginia.



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