



P.O. Box 2710, Manassas, VA 20108
novec.com | 703-335-0500

@novec @novec @novec_electric

MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Tip of the Month

Recycle your lithium-ion batteries. It helps the environment and reduces fire hazards. Visit call2recycle.org/locator/ for more information.

What's Current

MAY 2024

GETTING CHARGED UP ABOUT ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

by Robin Earl

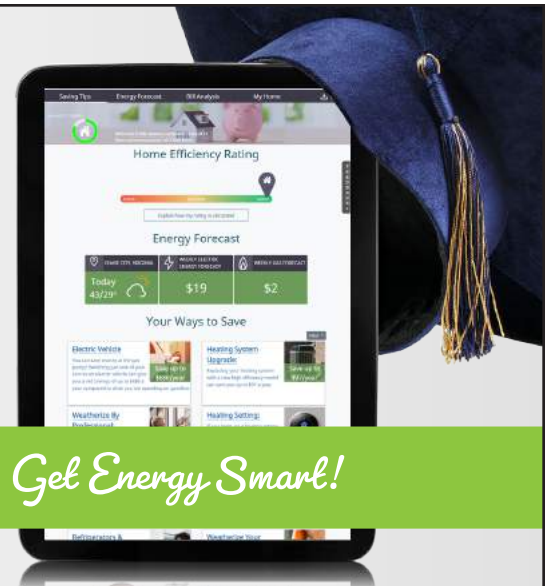
Rechargeable batteries and charging devices are a convenient and increasingly common necessity for modern lifestyles. Because we use them every day, it's easy to forget that when handled incorrectly, they can present a fire risk. The Loudoun County Fire Marshall and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue provide these tips for safely handling lithium-ion batteries — used in laptops, phones and e-cigarettes — or lithium polymer (LiPo) batteries — commonly used in drones or remote control cars:

- Remove the LiPo batteries from the device before charging.
- Only use batteries that are specifically designed for your device.
- Do not charge a device or battery under your pillow, on a bed, on couches and chairs, or near flammable materials.
- Stop charging a battery immediately if you notice it is producing an odor, is leaking, is becoming hot, or the color or shape of the battery has changed.



You Have the Power to Save

Visit the Energy Resource Center at www.novec.com/erc and fill out your Residential Energy Advisor profile to get a comprehensive report on your energy usage, energy-use comparisons, recommendations on how you can save, and more!



Get Energy Smart!

FIRED UP FOR SAVINGS

May is National BBQ Month. It's the perfect time to make dinner outdoors and save energy indoors! Cooking outside is a great way to keep your home cooler (and your air conditioner from working overtime).

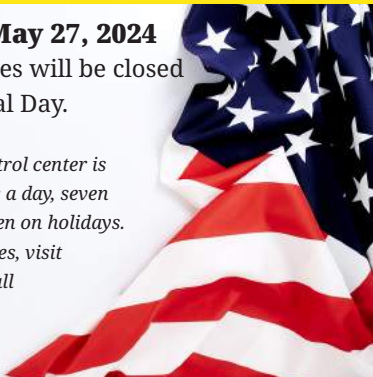


NOVEC OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday, May 27, 2024
NOVEC offices will be closed for Memorial Day.

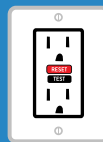
Our system control center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even on holidays.

To report outages, visit novec.com or call 703-335-0500.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

DO:



Ensure AFCIs are installed where needed

DO:



Install carbon monoxide and smoke alarms

DO:



Plug appliances directly into the wall

NEVER USE DAMAGED CORDS



Extension cords are temporary solutions and shouldn't be used on large appliances

BE AWARE OF WARNING SIGNS OF AN OVERLOAD OR WIRING PROBLEM:



If you see lights that flicker or dim, notice discoloration, hear buzzing, feel warm switches/outlets, or smell burning, you should hire a qualified electrician to inspect your system

electrical safety
FOUNDATION