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### Tip of the Month

As pool season kicks off, stay safe by keeping all electrical devices and cords at least 6 feet from the water. Make sure outdoor outlets are equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) to help prevent electric shock.

# What's Current

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## CHANGE YOUR ENERGY HABITS TO SAVE ON ELECTRIC BILLS THIS SUMMER

When it comes to saving money on electricity, awareness is everything. Here are some easy, free, home-based adjustments you can make to bring your energy costs down. Small changes can make a big difference.

**Are you using your ceiling fan effectively?** Ceiling fan blades should move counterclockwise to push cooler air down. Don't forget to turn off fans when you leave the room. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms.

### Have you changed your air filters?

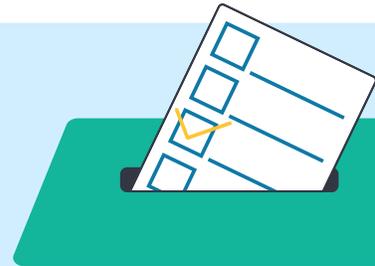
It saves on air-conditioning costs.

**Did you close your curtains or blinds?** It keeps the sun from heating up your home.

**Are you washing your clothes in cold water?** Energy Star estimates that heating water uses about 90% of the energy it takes to run a washer.

**Do you hang your clothes to dry?** Clothes dryers can use more than 6% of a home's total electricity use, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Save on drying time by giving your clothes an extra spin in the washer before hanging.

For more energy saving tips go to [novec.com/save](http://novec.com/save).



## CALL FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NOVEC is now accepting nominations for candidates to represent Districts 3 and 6 on the NOVEC Board of Directors. Any NOVEC member in good standing who lives in one of these districts may run for a four-year board term. See the district map at [novec.com/bod](http://novec.com/bod).

For more information about the nomination process, visit [novec.com/annualmeeting](http://novec.com/annualmeeting). To obtain a nomination petition, email [annualmeetingLK@novec.com](mailto:annualmeetingLK@novec.com).

# MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

## TAMPER RESISTANT RECEPTACLES

## Childproofing Done Right



A study by Temple University found that **100%** of all 2-4 year olds were able to remove one type of plastic outlet cap **within 10 seconds**. Properly childproof your outlets by installing **Tamper Resistant Receptacles**.



### HOW TO PROPERLY CHILDPROOF YOUR HOME

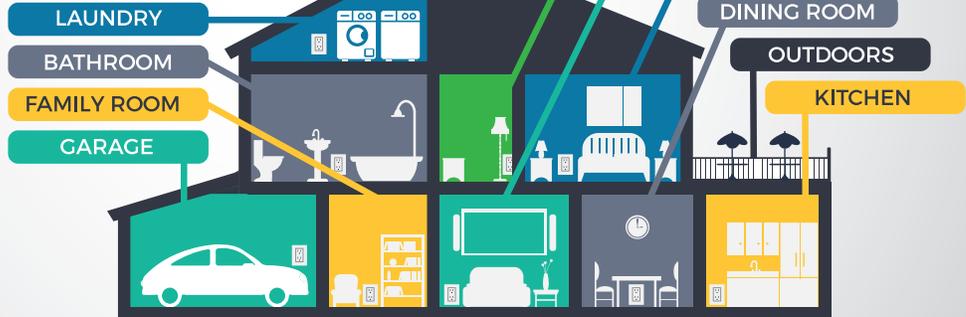
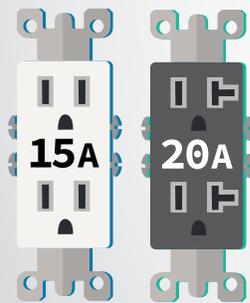
⚡ Tamper Resistant Receptacles offer a permanent solution to outlet covers.

⚡ Built in shutters prevent foreign objects from being inserted into the outlet.

⚡ Required by the National Electrical Code since 2008.

#### ► WHERE TO INSTALL

All **15A - 20A, 125v** and **150v** outlets in the following areas must be tamper resistant:



#### ► EXCEPTIONS



Outlets located more than **5 ½ ft** above the floor.



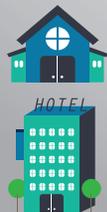
Outlets that are part of a **luminaire**.



Outlets dedicated to **appliances that cannot be easily moved**.

#### ► NEW IN 2017

Tamper Resistant Receptacles are **required** in new and renovated:



**Childcare** facilities.



**Preschools and elementary education** facilities.



**Offices, corridors, waiting rooms,** and similar rooms in **clinic, medical and dental offices,** and **outpatient facilities.**



**Hotel and motel** guest rooms.



**Gyms, skating rinks, auditoriums,** and **places of waiting.**



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