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## Tip of the Month

Reviewing the annual report can give you a clearer picture of NOVEC's trends, goals, and challenges ahead. Check out the 2024-2025 Annual Report at [novec.com/annualreport](https://novec.com/annualreport).

# What's Current

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## 2025 ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

The 2025 Annual Meeting of Members took place Sept. 10 at NOVEC's Technical Center in Gainesville. Board Chairman Wade House welcomed President and CEO Kristen Senechal as both addressed the crowd.

In her address, Senechal focused on four key topics that members commonly ask about: rates, reliability, data centers, and community.

Recognizing that the cost of power is top-of-mind for customers, she explained NOVEC's cost structure and supply demands in the PJM marketplace illustrating the primary

challenges NOVEC is facing. Senechal noted that large customers that require dedicated infrastructure typically pay upfront for the equipment required to provide that electricity. "The NOVEC team is dedicated to separating costs of residential customers from data centers," Senechal said. "Our primary goal when it comes to data centers is appropriate cost allocation to each customer class and maintaining affordability and reliability."

Co-op members re-elected Jim Chesley to District 3 and Mike Ragan to District 6.



*From left, NOVEC Board Chairman Wade House, VP and Corporate Counsel Patrick Toulme, and President and CEO Kristen Senechal answer member questions at NOVEC's 2025 Annual Meeting.*





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# 'TREAT' YOUR HOME WITH ENERGY SAVING 'TRICKS'



## Put batts in the belfry

Insulate the attic floor — or belfry — with R60 fiberglass batts, loose-fill, rigid-foam, or spray-foam insulation. Do not block soffit vents, wires, motors,

or recessed lights. Install an insulated cover over pull-down stairs.

## Counterattack creepy, crawly air

Carefully run a lighted candle or incense stick around window frames. If the flame flickers, bone-chilling air could creep into the house. Apply weatherstripping or caulk around frames.



## Caulk cracks

Caulk masonry cracks in walls and at the foundation. Seal openings around plumbing pipes, ducts, vents, chimneys, and anything that goes through floors,

walls, ceilings, or the roof with caulk or insulating spray foam.

## Put a stake in energy vampires

When beady red lights glow in the dark on TVs, computers, and other electrical devices, energy vampires are sucking electricity from outlets. Put a “stake” in them by plugging electronics into advanced power strips and turning off the strips when you are not using the electronics. Unplug chargers after charging cellphones and other devices.



## Disguise water pipes

Put hot-water pipes running through an unheated crawl space, garage, or outdoor utility room in an insulation “disguise.”



## Cover ominous outlets

If you feel cold air near electrical outlets and switch plates, place foam outlet and switch plate pads under them. Plug inserts into unused outlets.

## Costume curtains

Windows “costumed” in curtains, blinds, and shades help block cold air from traveling through glass like ghosts. Close treatments at night to trap heat indoors, and open them during the day to let in the sun’s heat.



## Get rid of ghoulish air with gaskets

Attach pliable gaskets at the bottom of exterior doors to keep ghoulishly cold air from slithering into your home.

## Halt hot water horror

A water heater uses a lot of home energy. Avoid high-bill horrors and scalding by lowering the thermostat from 140 to 120 degrees on an electric water heater, and between warm and hot on a gas heater. When the water heater gives up the ghost, purchase an energy-efficient one from NOVEC Energy Solutions.



## Fight fireplace phantoms

Air drafts draw heated room air up chimneys. When flames die, cold drafts seep into the house like phantoms. Stop drafts by closing the flue damper and tempered glass doors when not using a wood-burning fireplace.

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