

### HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDERS

NOVEC hopes everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and reminds all Co-op members to heed these decorating tips:

- Look for Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or another certification lab's approval on light sets. Buy according to use indoors, outdoors, or both.
- Use mini-bulbs or energy-saving LED bulbs; they are less likely to become hot enough to catch trees on fire or burn fingers.
- Before using lights, check for frayed wires, damaged sockets, or cracked insulation. If defective, replace the entire set.
- Keep a bulb in each socket to avoid fire or electric shock. If a bulb burns out, leave it in, unplug the light set, and replace.
- Connect no more than three incandescent light strings to prevent overheating and fire.
- Unplug holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Water a fresh cut tree frequently, so it doesn't become a fire hazard.



## LET NOVEC RECYCLE YOUR CUT CHRISTMAS TREE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

### WHERE:

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

### WHEN:

Dec. 26, 2021 - Jan. 9, 2022

Remove all decorations, metal ornament hooks, and light strings. 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** 

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021

# **Thanksgiving**

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, 2021

### **Christmas**

Friday and Monday, Dec. 24-27, 2021

## New Year's (Observed)

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021

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.



# MEMBERS REELECT THREE BOARD MEMBERS AT NOVEC'S ANNUAL MEETING

At their COVID-modified annual meeting at the Gainesville Technical Center on Oct. 6, NOVEC members reelected James Chesley, Michael Ragan, and C.W. (Skip) Albrite Jr. to the board of directors.

Members also heard a summary of NOVEC's many achievements and efforts in the past year. Board Chairman Wade House, and President and CEO Stan Feuerberg highlighted:



NOVEC President and CEO Stan Feuerberg addresses members at NOVEC's annual meeting on Oct. 6.

- Keeping the lights on 99% of the time, making NOVEC the most reliable regional system for 22 consecutive years.
- Distributing renewable energy from NOVEC's biomass plant and contracting for more solar energy.
- Becoming one of a few electric cooperatives to cross the \$1-billion-inassets threshold.
- Earning an AA- credit rating from Fitch Ratings. Feuerberg said, "This
  upgraded rating allows us to borrow from the capital markets at low
  interest rates, and that, in turn, reduces our operating expense."
- Returning millions of dollars in CashBack and power-cost-adjustment credits to customers.
- Developing its patented fiber optic data-transfer device.
- Supporting food banks and other charitable organizations.