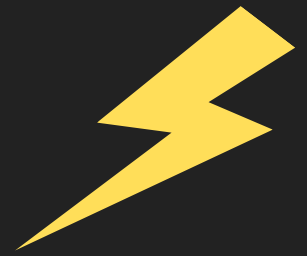


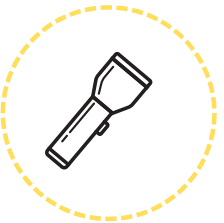
Prepare your family for

POWER OUTAGES



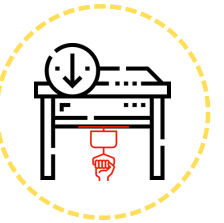
PERSONAL SAFETY PLAN

Have a personal safety plan in place for every member of your household (including pets). Keep refrigerators and freezers closed to prevent food spoilage.



EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Build or restock your emergency supply kit, including food, water, flashlights, AM/FM radio, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash.



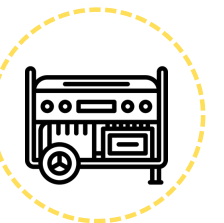
MANUALLY OPEN GARAGE

Learn to manually open your garage door and if using electronic house locks, make sure at least one entry way is accessible by key.



PLAN FOR MEDICAL NEEDS

Consider medications that need refrigeration or devices that require power. Make sure your energy company is aware of your device.



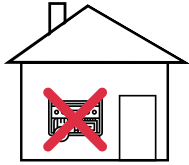
SAFELY USE A PORTABLE GENERATOR

Operate a generator outdoors and away from windows to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

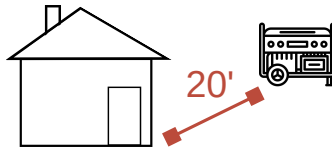


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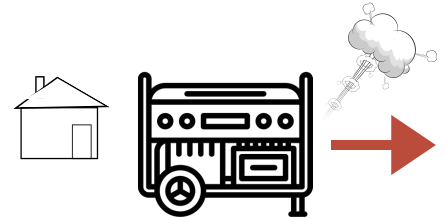
HOME GENERATORS



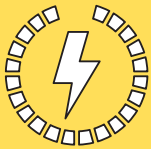
Never run generators in an enclosed space



Always run generators at least 20 feet from your home

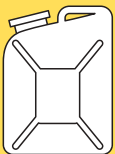


Always direct exhaust away from your home



Determine portable generator size

Add up the power requirements of the appliances and devices you want to use and choose a generator that provides more amps than you need. Total amps = watts divided by volts



Fuel safety

Only fuel a cold generator; hot engine parts can ignite gasoline. Store fuel properly in a well ventilated area in an ANSI-approved container and away from ignition sources like a water heater. Hearing protection may be needed.



Don't backfeed your house; transfer switch requires permit

A transfer switch allows you to connect to your circuit panel and power appliances without extension cord safety risks. Back feeding, plugging your generator into a wall outlet, is dangerous and risks electrocuting utility workers and neighbors served by the same transformer.



Familiarize yourself with restrictions and ordinances

Use of your generator, even during emergencies, may be subject to county noise ordinances of less than 50 decibels between 10 pm and 7 am. Businesses may be subject to air quality and environmental health restrictions. All 15-20 amp 125v generator circuits need GFCI protection.