

# **Safety Guidlines for Home Generators**



Never Run Generators In An Enclosed Space



Always Run Generators Atleast 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 andchoose 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 properlyin a well ventilated area in an ANSI-approved container and away from ignitionsources 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 awall 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 noiseordinances of less than 50 decibles between 10 pm and 7 am. Businesses may besubject to air quality and environmental health restrictions. All 15-20 amp 125v generator circuts need GFCI protection





