



Generator Safety Tips

- **Use Your Generator Outdoors Only** - Keep away from open windows, vents or doors. Never use your generator inside homes, garages, crawl spaces, or enclosed areas.
- **Operating Manual and Instructions** - Always read and follow the manufacturer's operating manual and instructions before running generator.
- **Carbon Monoxide Detector** - Use a battery-powered carbon monoxide detector when running your generator.
- **Fresh Gasoline** - Use fresh gas in your generator. If you do not plan to use your generator in 30 days, stabilize the gas with fuel stabilizer.
- **Combustible Materials** - DO NOT operate the generator near combustible materials.
- **Coiled Extension Cords** - Coiled cords can get HOT, always uncoil cords and lay them in flat open locations.
- **Home Outlet** - Never plug your generator directly into your home outlet.
- **Generator Fumes** - Fumes that can kill can build up when used in enclosed areas. Fan and open doors or windows do NOT provide enough fresh air.
- **Carbon Monoxide** - Engines emit carbon monoxide. DO NOT run generator or your car in enclosed area or garage.
- **Refueling** - Gasoline and its vapors are extremely flammable, allow engine to cool at least 10 minutes before refueling.
- **Maintenance Schedule** - Maintain your generator according to the maintenance schedule for peak performance and safety.
- **Proper Extension Cords** - When using extension cords, be sure they are of the grounded type and are rated for the application.
- **Power Transfer Switch** - If connecting a generator into your home's electrical system have a qualified electrician install a Power Transfer Switch.
- **Wet Conditions** - Protect your generator from exposure to rain/snow. Generators produce powerful voltage; DO NOT operate under wet conditions.
- **Use a high quality chain or cable plus padlock to secure your generator to a non-movable object at least 10 feet away from any combustibles.**

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Community Emergency Response Team

