

GENERATOR SAFETY

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

Louisiana is at risk for severe weather events which require the extended use of portable generators. These generators are beneficial but can also be dangerous if not operated properly.

GENERATOR PLACEMENT & OPERATIONS

- + Keep children away from generators
- + Allow five feet of clearance on all sides of a generator
- + Prevent shorting and rusting by protecting from weather elements when not in use
- + Operate on level surfaces where it will not be exposed to excessive moisture, dirt, dust, and corrosive vapors
- + Inspect regularly and contact authorized dealer for parts needing repairs or replacement
- + Disconnect the spark plug wire and place where it cannot contact the spark plug to prevent accidental starting when setting up, transporting, adjusting or making repairs to the generator

REDUCE YOUR RISK

DO'S & DON'TS

Gasoline, Fueling, and Burn Safety

Do

- + Use the correct container when getting gasoline
- + Turn off vehicle and eliminate sources of ignition
- + Discharge static by touching the vehicle after exiting
- + Place container on the ground
- + Fill slowly
- + Only purchase the amount of fuel you need
- + Keep the fuel nozzle in contact with the container
- + Leave room for fuel expansion
- + Tighten cap, secure container, and provide ventilation

Don't

- + Don't use a makeshift container
- + Don't lock the nozzle trigger in open position
- + Don't leave spilled liquids uncleaned
- + Don't transport on rooftops
- + Don't store container inside vehicle
- + Don't add fuel into generator while unit is running or hot

- + Don't smoke near fuel or generator
- + Don't touch generator while it's cooling off

Carbon Monoxide and Ventilation

Do

- + Place generator 20 feet from the house with engine exhaust (CO) directed away from windows, doors, and enclosed spaces
- + Ensure area has adequate ventilation
- + Install carbon monoxide alarms/detectors indoors

Don't

- + Don't run generator indoors or in partly closed areas such as garages
- + Don't place the generator exhaust (muffler) near open doors, window air conditioner units, or fans that can pull generator exhaust (CO) into rooms

Electrocution Hazard and Electrical Shock Hazards

Do

- + Always start or stop the generator when no electrical loads are connected
- + Only power essential equipment
- + Use proper power cords
- + Ensure generator is properly grounded

Don't

- + Don't connect your generator directly to your home's wiring or into a regular household outlet
- + Don't overload your generator by operating more appliances and equipment than the output rating of the generator
- + Don't use cords with exposed wires or worn shielding
- + Don't operate in wet conditions