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- Garage
- Carport
- Patio
- Porch
- Deck

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- Freezer
- Sump pumps
- Well pumps
- Charging for cell phones

Determine how much power these appliances need. **ALWAYS REMEMBER**

Avoid dangerous conditions.
Listen to local officials.
Check ISD’s Resilience Help Desk for tips and resources at www.isdus.org.

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**FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**

- Adhere to the instructions in your provided manual – do that, and it’ll run!
- Use a funnel to add the amount of oil indicated by the operator’s manual provided with your generator.
  - Your generator likely features a low oil shutoff and won’t start if it doesn't contain the correct amount of oil.
- Keep your generator out of the rain.
  - If it must be used while raining, keep it outside and under an “easy up” tent.
- Only use power cords that are in good condition and rated for your generator’s power load.

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**AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) RISK**

- Read your generator’s instructions for minimizing risk.
- Visit www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com to learn how to keep your family safe from CO dangers when using a portable generator.

**GET HELP**

- Visit your local home repair store or mechanic for assistance.