

GENERATOR SAFETY CHECKLIST



SET UP SAFELY

- ALWAYS operate your generator outdoors in a well-ventilated area.
 - Locate it at least 20 feet away from your house, downwind, and with the exhaust pointed away from your house.
- NEVER operate your generator indoors, in, or on any of the following, even with the door cracked or open:
 - Basement
 - Garage
 - Carport
 - Patio
 - Porch
 - Deck


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.

PURCHASE WISELY

- Prioritize appliances that need power the most, such as:
 - Refrigerator
 - Freezer
 - Sump pumps
 - Well pumps
 - Charging for cell phones
- Determine how much power these appliances need.
 - You may not need as powerful a generator as you think.

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.

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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