When used properly, portable and standby generators are a great option to provide backup power during brownouts or blackouts. Learn how to use generators safely with the following tips:

## GENERATORS



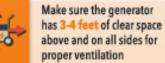


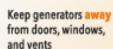


Always keep generators at least 20 feet away from your home



Never operate a generator in an enclosed space





Always direct exhaust away from your home



Always use grounded cords and inspect cords for damage prior to use

Use the proper cord for the wattage being used

Always use GFCI protection

Make sure to start / stop generators when no electrical loads are connected

Keep generators dry, do not operate when wet, and refuel when cool

Do not overload generators

Do not plug a generator directly into your home, connect items being powered directly to the generator

# TRANSFER





Transfer switches, whether manual or automatic, allow you to choose between utility power or backup generator power



Transfer switches are the only way to safely power your home's electrical system



Using a transfer switch prevents backfeeding. This occurs when your generator becomes a power source for the surrounding area and can damage your home, your neighbor's homes, and injure workers trying to restore power

## CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING PREVENTION



Improper use and installation of generators could cause CO poisoning



Make sure your home has carbon monoxide alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home



CO can kill in as little as 5 minutes

### ymptoms of CO poisoning









Dizziness Headaches Nausea Tiredness



If you experience CO poisoning symptoms, get fresh air, do not reenter areas, and call 911.

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