

GENERATOR

safety protocols
for your home

When preparing for winter weather, many homeowners rely on whole-house generators and portable generators to power their homes in the event of a long-term power outage.

THEY ARE GREAT RESOURCES FOR YOUR HOME, BUT CONSIDER THESE RISKS:

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING:

Keep generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents that could allow CO indoors. CO can't be seen or smelled; if you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air right away and call for assistance! To better prepare your home, install CO alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. That way, if there are dangerous levels of CO in your home, you'll be alerted right away.

ELECTROCUTION OR ELECTRIC SHOCK:

Water and electricity do not mix—and that stands true with generator safety, too. To avoid electrocution, do not use in rainy or wet conditions. It's also important to not handle the generator with wet hands to avoid electric shock.

