

## PUT SAFETY FIRST:

- ⚠ **Never connect a generator directly to your home's wiring without an appropriate transfer switch installed.** This can cause backfeeding along power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including line workers making repairs.
- ⚠ **Never plug a generator into a regular household outlet.**
- ⚠ **Never operate the generator in enclosed spaces.** Use carbon monoxide detectors in nearby enclosed spaces to monitor levels, as generators can produce high levels of carbon monoxide very quickly. This can be deadly.
- ⚠ **Use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords.** Make sure extension cords are free of cuts or tears and the plug has all three prongs.
- ⚠ **Ensure your generator is properly grounded.**
- ⚠ **Never overload a generator.**
- ⚠ **Turn off all equipment powered by the generator before shutting the generator down.**
- ⚠ **Keep the generator dry.**
- ⚠ **Always have a fully charged fire extinguisher nearby.**
- ⚠ **Never fuel a generator while it is operating.**
- ⚠ **Read and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.**

## LET US HELP!

When the weather gets rough, a portable generator can be a lifesaver. However, if used improperly, it can prove to be a hazard to you, your home and those working to get your power back on.

Electrocution, fire and carbon monoxide poisoning are all potential consequences of improper generator usage.

Play it safe!

Contact Midstate Electric Cooperative for more information on how to ensure your portable generator is an asset, not an endangerment.

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# GENERATOR



# SAFETY





# Warning:

Portable electric generators provide a good source of power during electrical outages, but if improperly installed or operated, can become deadly.

Your local electric cooperative wants you to become more knowledgeable about electrical safety. These tips will help keep you and your family safe from carbon monoxide poisoning, electrical shock, fire injury and property damage.

We encourage you to protect the well-being of your family and others.



**Portable generators can be extremely dangerous if not used properly.**

