

# Generate Safely

## Safe Generator Operation

*Keep this card in your home's emergency kit or with your generator.*

- Never connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment:

**Stationary Generator:** An approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric co-op, should be installed by a professional.

**Portable Generator:** Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

- Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Make sure it's out and away from your garage, doors, windows, and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is **DEADLY**.
  - Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.
  - Start the generator first **BEFORE** connecting appliances.



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