

# Protect yourself and our crews!

Generators can come in handy if the power goes out during a storm. But it's important to use them properly to keep yourself, your neighbors, and East Central Energy employees safe. Backfeed occurs when power is sent back through your home's electrical lines in reverse, creating a dangerous level of electricity that puts ECE crews at risk of severe injury or death.



## USING A GENERATOR?

### 8 DANGEROUS MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE



#### 1 IN ENCLOSED SPACES

Always use it in a well-ventilated area.



#### 2 NEAR WINDOWS OR DOORS

Place it at least 20 feet away from windows and doors.



#### 3 IN A GARAGE

Even if the door is up, never use a generator in a garage.



#### 4 IN THE ELEMENTS

Run it on a dry surface under a canopy-like structure (but not in a carport).



#### 5 PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET

This can be deadly to you, family members, neighbors or utility workers.



#### 6 WITH THE WRONG EXTENSION CORD

Use a properly rated cord to plug appliances into a generator.



#### 7 WITHOUT CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) TESTERS

CO detectors should be on every level of your home (test them monthly).



#### 8 IN DISREPAIR

Make sure your generator is well-maintained and in good working order.