

A QUICK GUIDE TO GENERATORS



With proper use and maintenance, generators provide great convenience during a power outage. Before you purchase a generator, determine your backup power needs to select the right size. Make a list of essential appliances and devices you'll want to power during an outage, then total the required wattage.

RECOMMENDED IF YOU...

RARELY LOSE POWER

Recreational Inverter: Up to 2,000 watts

- Lightweight (60 pounds); quiet; easy to store
- Powers fridge, lamp, phone charger, home security system

Midsized Inverter: Up to 3,500 watts

- About 150 pounds
- Powers the above + 10K BTU air conditioner

OCCASIONALLY LOSE POWER

*(Transfer switch
required)*

Portable Generators and Large Inverters: Up to 7,500 watts

- About 300 pounds; can connect to home's breaker panel
- Powers the above + dishwasher, multiple lights, TV, and more

FREQUENTLY LOSE POWER

*(Transfer switch
required)*

Home Standby: Up to 20,000 watts

- Permanent install; auto start during outage; can run indefinitely on natural gas or propane
- Powers nearly all home appliances and electronics simultaneously

SAFETY FIRST!

- Let us know if you purchase a generator that you plan to connect to an electric panel.
- Improperly installed generators can create backfeed, which is dangerous to our crews and the community. **Before using the generator, disconnect the normal source of power coming into your home/business.**
- Never operate a generator indoors or in an enclosed space.

Please note: safety requirements may differ based on the type of generator you purchase. Thoroughly read the operator's manual and know how to shut off the generator quickly.