

# Portable Generators and Winter Storms



**Portable generators are useful during winter storms, but if not used safely, they can cause injuries and death.**

- ✔ Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- ✔ Make sure you have carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- ✔ Do not use a generator in a wet area. This can cause shock or electrocution.
- ✔ Connect appliances to the generator with heavy-duty extension cords.
- ✔ Do not fuel your generator when it is running. Spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire.



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