

Generator Safety Guidelines

Placement & Location

- Always operate the generator OUTDOORS — never inside a building, garage, or tent.
- Position the generator at least 20 feet away from doors, windows, and vents.
- Keep the exhaust pointed away from the event area and any occupied spaces.
- Place on a flat, dry, stable surface. Do not operate on wet ground.
- Never place a generator under a canopy or tarp — it must have full open-air ventilation.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Hazard — Critical Warning

- Generators produce CO gas, which is odorless, colorless, and can be fatal.
- Install battery-operated CO detectors in nearby enclosed spaces.
- If anyone feels dizzy, nauseous, or has a headache near the generator, move to fresh air immediately and call 911.
- Never run a generator indoors for any reason — even briefly.

Fueling Safety

- Use only fresh, clean unleaded gasoline.
- NEVER add fuel while the generator is running or hot — allow it to cool for 2 minutes.
- Store fuel in an approved container, away from the generator and heat sources.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank — leave room for fuel expansion.
- Wipe up any spills immediately before starting the engine.

Electrical Safety

- Use only heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords rated for the wattage load.
- Do not overload the generator — check the total wattage of all connected devices.
- Keep the generator dry. Never operate in rain without a proper generator tent/cover.
- Do not connect a generator directly to home wiring (back-feeding) — this is illegal and dangerous.
- Plug blower motors directly into the generator; avoid daisy-chaining power strips.

Shutdown Procedure

- Turn off and unplug all connected equipment before shutting down the generator.
- Allow the generator to cool completely before covering or storing.
- If storing for more than 30 days, run the carburetor dry or use fuel stabilizer.