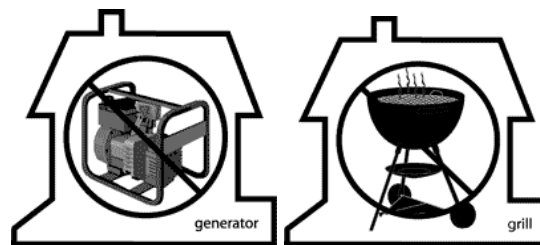


Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning During Power Outages

If the power goes out:

- **ONLY** use a generator outdoors and far from open windows and vents.
- **NEVER** use a generator indoors, in garages or confined areas.
- **NEVER** cook or heat inside on a charcoal or gas grill.



To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning from gas-powered equipment, including portable generators, pressure washers and saws:

- keep portable gas-powered equipment out of buildings and other enclosed spaces;
- do not use in garages or other partially enclosed spaces--even if the door is open;
- keep portable gas-powered equipment away from open windows, doors, vents, air intakes, and air conditioner units;
- consider factors such as wind direction and proximity to occupied enclosures when placing the equipment for operation; and
- keep generators at least 25 feet from your house.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless and tasteless. It can become a silent killer very quickly. A single portable 5.5 kW generator can put out the same amount of carbon monoxide equivalent to six idling cars.

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning

- headache
- nausea
- weakness
- dizziness
- visual disturbances

Use portable battery-operated CO alarms

Use portable battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms in areas where you may be concerned about the use of gasoline-powered equipment.

Remember, any fuel burning device may produce carbon monoxide. Do not bring charcoal or gas grills indoors to cook if the power is out. Never use a gas oven to heat your home. Keep all fuel burning equipment outside.



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