

USE YOUR GENERATOR SAFELY

Generator Safety

Portable generators are a godsend during a prolonged electrical outage. Your cooperative urges its members to exercise extreme caution when operating portable generators.

Avoid 'Backfeeding'

- Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet, a dangerous practice known as "backfeeding." This reverses the electricity flow and sends it out of your house. It can endanger electric workers and your neighbors. If you must connect the generator to the house wiring, have a qualified electrician do it.
- Plug appliances directly into the generator, or use a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads. Check that the entire cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- Keep the generator dry and do not use in rainy or wet conditions.

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