



### **Key Safety Tips for Generator Use**

To ensure safe generator use, always operate outdoors, keep it away from windows, and never plug it directly into your home's electrical system.

#### **Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:**

- Always operate generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas, at least 20 feet away from your home and away from windows, doors, and vents to prevent carbon monoxide buildup. (Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home to alert you to dangerous levels of this odorless gas.)

#### **Prevent Electric Shock and Fire:**

- Never plug your generator directly into a wall outlet or your home's electrical system, as this can cause backfeeding, which poses a risk to utility workers and can damage your generator.
- Use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords to connect appliances directly to the generator.

#### **Proper Fuel Storage and Handling:**

- Store fuel in approved safety containers and keep it in a cool, dry place away from living areas.
- Turn off the generator and let it cool down before refueling to prevent fires from gasoline spills on hot engine parts.

#### **Keep the Generator Dry:**

- Operate the generator on a dry surface and protect it from rain or wet conditions. If necessary, use a canopy or tarp to shield it from moisture.
- Do not touch the generator with wet hands to avoid electric shock.

#### **Follow Manufacturer Instructions:**

- Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation and maintenance of your generator.
- Ensure that your generator is properly maintained and inspected regularly to avoid malfunctions.