***Power Up—Safely***

***Generac*** has been a leading designer and manufacturer of a wide range of generators and other engine powered products since 1959. Generac's products are available through a broad network of independent dealers, retailers, wholesalers and equipment rental companies.

***Operate your Generac generator safely and avoid these risks:***

***Carbon monoxide (CO)*** is a poisonous, colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. CO is a common industrial hazard resulting from the incomplete burning of natural gas and any other material containing carbon such as gasoline, kerosene, oil, propane, coal, or wood.

* Never operate a portable generator indoors, in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
* Always use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents.

***Fires*** are a danger when you improperly use a generator power source or deal with fuel.

* Follow the manufacturer’s guidelines for safe generator operation.
* Practice fire safety with generators by not blocking exhausts and intakes.
* Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
* Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers away from any fuel-burning appliance.

***Electrical Hazards*** can also occur if you use your generator improperly. NEVER plug the generator into a wall outlet to provide emergency power to your home. This practice, known as backfeeding, creates an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer and is a violation of national electric codes. Keep the generator dry, and dry your hands before touching the generator. Operate the generator on a dry, flat surface. under an open, canopy-like structure.

* Plug appliances directly into generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord that is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all 3 prongs.
* If necessary to connect the generator directly to your home’s electrical system to power appliances, use a Generac manual transfer switch and have it installed by a Generac dealer or ***qualified electrician***.

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