

# PORTABLE HOME GENERATORS:

**STAY SAFE**  
after the storm.



Your portable generator can be a lifesaver during emergencies, but remember to follow these simple tips to prevent accidental injury to your family and utility workers restoring power.

## **DO:**

- ▶ Prevent backfeed and electric shock by only using a generator wired by a qualified electrician
- ▶ Plug electric appliances directly into generator using manufacturer's supplied cords or undamaged, grounded, heavy-duty extension cords
- ▶ Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) according to manufacturer's instructions
- ▶ Maintain and operate generator in accordance to manufacturer's use and safety instructions
- ▶ Keep the generator dry
- ▶ Shut down generator before refueling
- ▶ Inspect portable generator for damaged or loose fuel lines

## **DO NOT:**

- ▶ Attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure unless the generator has a properly installed transfer switch
- ▶ Use a generator indoors
- ▶ Place a generator air intake outdoors near doors, windows or vents

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