

GENERATOR SAFETY

Portable Generator

Generator has to be started manually when power goes out



- Before starting your generator, read and follow the manufacturer instructions
- Ensure that total electric load on generator does not exceed manufacturer's rating
- Never run in an enclosed space and always direct exhaust away from your home
- Make sure extension cords are properly sized to carry electric load to avoid overheating
- Before refueling, make sure generator is off and has had a chance to cool

Permanent Generator

Generator automatically turns on when power goes out



- Installation requires a licensed electric contractor and building permits
- Install generator on high ground, where flooding is not likely to be a concern
- Electrical transfer switches safely switch electrical load from PG&E to the generator
- Prevent backfeeding lines by installing a "double-pole, double-throw transfer switch."
- Notify your local utility provider to let them know about your backup system.



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