

Harris County Community!

Generator Safety

Many Harris County residents are using generators because of power outages caused by the hurricane. When used inside homes or garages, generators can cause carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Every year, over 500,000 Americans die from CO poisoning. Protect yourself and your family from CO poisoning when using portable generators.

Here are ways to stay safe:

- read the product instructions to properly operate and other safety tips
- never use the generator indoors, in a garage, or carport
- turn the generator off before refueling
- keep the generator outdoors while it is running
- keep the running generator away from doors, windows and vents
- clean up any fuel spills before restarting the generator
- install battery operated CO alarms in your home
- look for symptoms of CO poisoning:
 - headache
 - nausea/ vomiting
 - loss of consciousness
 - fatigue
 - confusion
 - dizziness
 - seizures

Get out of the house and seek medical help immediately if you or a family member has these symptoms.

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**Protect your family.
Protect yourself.
Stay Safe!**

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