

Preparing for Power Outages during Hurricane Season – Four Important Safety Measures for Generator Use

Swannanoa, NC - - June 4, 2014 - Taking the right precautions and planning ahead is especially important this year as families think about how to mitigate the damage of a hurricane affecting their home. An ideal way for homeowners to prepare for a power outage is to install a standby generator system. Fueled by liquid propane or natural gas, standby generators automatically keep the power on when a home's primary power source goes out, allowing homeowners to run appliances like air conditioners, heaters, refrigerators, sump pumps, clothes washers/dryers and lights.

Homeowners follow key safety measures:

1. Portable generators should only be used outdoors and away from open windows or doors to avoid fumes from entering the home.
2. To guarantee the generator continues providing power when needed, homeowners should read and follow the manufacturer's operating and maintenance instructions.
3. Generators used to restore power can be extremely hazardous and even life threatening when not properly operated and maintained. The primary hazard when using a generator is carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust. Unlike fire or smoke, CO is a deadly gas that you cannot see or smell.
4. For additional information on Carbon Monoxide Hazards and Safety, visit:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Guides/Home/Carbon-Monoxide>

For more tips on how to keep your family safe during a hurricane or to contact your nearest Blossman Propane Gas store.

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