

GENERATOR BUYING & SAFETY GUIDE

KNOW YOUR PRIORITIES

Generators are selected by power output, as measured in watts. The amount of power they deliver determines how many lights and appliances you can run at once. To answer the question of which size generator you need is simply to add up the wattage of everything you want to power during an outage. Start by making a list of what you don't want to go without while the power's down, then add up their watts to get you in the right ballpark.

To download a wattage calculation list, please go to the following web link:

https://www.homelite.com/pdf/wattage_worksheet.pdf

SAFETY MEASURES WHEN USING A PORTABLE GENERATOR

Portable generators can quickly produce deadly levels of carbon monoxide, therefore it's crucial to follow the manufacturer's and general safety precautions

1. Read the manufacturer's instructions before installing and using your generator.
2. Always run a portable generator at least 20 feet away from your home, including equipment such as a central AC condenser or window AC, and direct the exhaust away from your home or any other structure, including the neighbors' home.
3. Never run a generator in an enclosed space or indoor.
4. Generator is a potential source of electric shock. Do not expose to moisture, rain, or snow. Do not operate with wet hands or feet.
5. Before refueling, turn off a gas-powered generator and let it cool.
6. Stabilizer must be added to your fuel for prolonged storage.
7. If you must use an extension cord, it should be a heavy-duty one for outdoor use, rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads.
8. Do not connect to a building's electrical system unless the generator and transfer switch have been properly installed and the electrical output has been verified by a qualified electrician.



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