

Know how to

Use Generators Safely

When your power goes out,
call Butler County REC:

888.267.2726

Safety First!



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Tips for Safe Generator Operation:



Read and follow all manufacturer operating instructions.

- ✓ Never connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system.
 - 1) For a stationary generator – A professional should have installed an approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the utility.
 - 2) For a portable generator – Plug your appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.
- ✓ Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home—out and away from your garage— away from doors, windows, and vents into your home. The carbon monoxide the generator produces is **DEADLY**.
- ✓ Start the generator first—BEFORE connecting appliances.
- ✓ Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.