

Generator Safety

Many of us, including our friends, family and neighbors, have considered borrowing or purchasing a portable generator to use in the event of an extended power outage. For the safety of you and your family, and the protection of our field personnel, we encourage you to read the following tips on generator safety and operation.



Put Safety First!

- Follow instructions — carefully read and follow all manufacturer instructions, suggestions and safety precautions.
- Always follow local, state and national fire and electrical codes.
- Always have a fully charged fire extinguisher nearby.
- Never operate indoors — protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Never fuel a generator while it is operating.
- Know your generator's capabilities.

Bangor Hydro **strongly encourages** our residential customers to have a properly licensed electrician install the equipment necessary to safely connect emergency generators.



Sizing a Generator

The following chart can be used to determine what size generator would be needed to run your home's critical electric systems during a power outage. Simply add up the watts required for the desired appliances. The resulting accumulated values (watts) determines what size generator (capacity) would be needed.

Appliance	Watts
Oil fired heating plant	1500
Refrigerator	450
Freezer	450
Water Pump	750
Microwave oven	1460
Range hood	160
Television	270
Space heater	1500
Clothes washer	520
Clothes dryer	5000
Dish washer	1200
Range, 4 burner	8000
Kitchen counter outlet	1380
Water heater, Q. R.	4500

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