PORTABLE HOME GENERATORS:

STAY SAFE after the storm.

Your portable generator can be a lifesaver during emergencies, but remember to follow these simple tips to prevent accidental injury to your family and utility workers restoring power.

DO:

- Prevent backfeed and electric shock by only using a generator wired by a qualified electrician
- Plug electric appliances directly into generator using manufacturer's supplied cords or undamaged, grounded, heavy-duty extension cords
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) according to manufacturer's instructions
- Maintain and operate generator in accordance to manufacturer's use and safety instructions
- Keep the generator dry
- Shut down generator before refueling
- Inspect portable generator for damaged or loose fuel lines

DO NOT:

- Attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure unless the generator has a properly installed transfer switch
- Use a generator indoors
- Place a generator air intake outdoors near doors, windows or vents

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