



# POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS

# Generator Safety



**TAKE IT OUTSIDE. NEVER USE A GENERATOR INDOORS.**



Size up your energy needs! Generators can produce enough electricity to power your laptop, phone, or entire home!



## PORTABLE GENERATOR SAFETY

- Be sure the needs of the device (electric load) is supported by your generator and does not exceed the manufacturers specifications.
- Position your generator where its exhaust can vent safely to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Only use extension cords that are properly sized for an individual generator's electric to prevent overheating.
- Keep cords out of high traffic areas so they don't present a tripping hazard.
- Never run cords under rugs or carpets where heat can be generated or where damage to a cord may go unnoticed.



## PERMANENT GENERATOR SAFETY

- Installation requires a licensed electric contractor or other qualified professional.
- Ensure electricity from your generator does not flow or "backfeed" into PG&E's power lines. The most common way to avoid this is to install a double pole, double throw transfer switch.
- Any additions or adjustments to your house wiring should be inspected by the building department.
- Once installation is complete, call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 to let them know about your backup system so they are aware of your generator when working on an outage in your area.

