

Portable Generator Operate if Safely!

- Before using a generator, read the instruction carefully. Connecting a portable or recreational vehicle (RV) generator to home wiring can cause problems. Ideally, appliances should be plugged directly into a generator, using extension cords if necessary.
- If you must hook a generator to the main electrical panel, it is very important to disconnect your home from Truckee Donner PUD's electrical system and install a transfer switch. Contact a qualified electrician for this. If you do not disconnect your home, power can flow into the outside utility lines and injure unsuspecting crews working to restore your electric service. It also can damage your generator and the electrical appliances in your house. It might even injure a neighbor if power from your generator flows along common lines to another house.
- When using a generator, also make sure there is adequate ventilation to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.