Generator Safety

Never connect your home generator directly into your home's electrical system. Your generator must be connected through a transfer switch that isolates the house from the Electric Division's power system. The generator can feed electricity into the power system and present a danger to line workers who are working to restore power in the area.

Be sure to use properly rated extension cords with your generator. The cord should be rated for the size of the load that you expect to connect to your generator. Refer to the generator's operations manual for more information.





Do not overload your generator. You can test it by adding the most needed circuits one at a time. If the motor starts to bog down, the generator is straining to operate and the load should be reduced.