

What to do before using a

PORTABLE GENERATOR



Prepare

Install battery operated carbon monoxide (CO) alarms throughout your home; ensure they are working properly.

Position

Place a portable generator at least 20 feet from windows and doors; do not use one in a garage or carport.



Read

Carefully review and then follow all manufacturer's instructions.

Protect

If it is wet outside, keep it dry by placing it on a tarp. Position it under a portable canopy (not a carport).



Refuel Safely

Turn off your portable generator and let it cool down before refueling.

Inspect and Maintain

Inspect a portable generator before each use and make sure it is properly maintained.



Using a portable generator can be useful during an outage; however, use one correctly to prevent CO poisoning and to stay safe.



BE SAFE AROUND ELECTRICITY WHEN MOVING FARM EQUIPMENT

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF HARVEST TIME, INDIANA'S FARMERS ARE SHIFTING INTO HIGH GEAR AS THEY MOVE INTO THEIR FIELDS TO BRING IN THEIR CROPS.

ALL THAT INCREASED ACTIVITY PUTS FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS AT GREATER RISK.

Always look up and around before moving or raising equipment. A good rule of thumb is to stay at least 30 feet from all power lines and power poles.

Check clearances each time you enter or exit a field. It's possible changes were made since the last time you accessed the field and the clearances could have changed.

Watch out for power poles, too. If you strike one, it may break, dropping a live line on your equipment.