



STANDBY POWER

TOP 10 TIPS

STORM PREPAREDNESS

You can't control a storm, but you can prepare for one.

Use these ten tips to prepare for a storm.



- 1 Talk with your family**, and develop a plan of action for when a storm hits. Having these conversations in advance of a storm can greatly reduce concerns and fears.



- 2 Learn how to access your local NOAA Weather Radio station.** These stations are part of a network that broadcasts continuous weather information for your area. You can access them online and through NOAA radio apps for your smartphone.



- 3 Fill a safe-deposit box with your important documents**, such as insurance policies, passports and birth certificates. Take pictures of these documents on your phone, if possible, for extra reassurance.



- 4 Create an emergency kit**, complete with first aid equipment, a flashlight, extra water and food. Stash it in an accessible location.



- 5 Develop a plan for your pets** in case you need to evacuate them with your family. Create a pet-specific emergency kit with leashes, cages (if applicable) and food.



- 6 Keep an extra supply of critical medicine**, in case you are unable to leave your home for an extended period of time during a storm.



- 7 Get extra cash**, and keep it with your emergency kit. Cash is more reliable than electronic forms of payment during emergency situations.



- 8 Ensure your pantry is always stocked** with enough food for three days, so you and your family are prepared to stay at home when a storm hits.



- 9 Store flashlights in convenient locations**, such as a kitchen drawer or front closet. They should be easily accessible in case the lights go out.



- 10 Consider purchasing a standby or portable generator**, so you can have peace of mind that your lights will stay on and your family will feel safe when storms are threatening your area.

Briggs & Stratton is available to provide advice about purchasing a portable generator or adding a stand-by generator to your home at briggsandstratton.com.

Portable generators emit carbon monoxide and are dangerous if not operated properly. The only safe place to operate a portable generator is outside. As a member of the Portable Generator Manufacturer's Association, Briggs & Stratton encourages homeowners to visit www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com to learn more about portable generator safety.