Never connect a standby generator into your home’s electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment.

**Stationary Generator:**
An approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric co-op, should be installed by a professional.

**Portable Generator:**
Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Make sure it’s out and away from your garage, doors, windows and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is deadly.

Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.

Start the generator first **before** connecting appliances.

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