Residential Generator Installation Requirements

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Documentation needed for application:

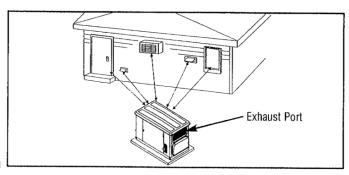
- 1. A site plan showing the location of the generator on the lot and its distance to:
 - Combustible material such as structures and vegetation
 - Openings into the home including doors, operable windows, and vents
 - Other equipment such as air conditioners, heat pumps, and gas meters
 - Property lines, sidewalks, and streets
- 2. Indicate the type of fuel to be supplied and the location of any gas lines or tanks.
- 3. Specify the type of base that will be provided and how the unit will be anchored.

Other considerations:

- 1. If your property is included in a Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R) document that has been recorded with the County, it is recommended to read those thoroughly to ensure there are not any further restrictions for a generator.
- 2. An electrical permit is also required from Washington State Labor and Industries.
- 3. The generator must be approved by the manufacturer for its intended application and use and installed according to the installation instructions.
- 4. Residential generators must comply with zoning setbacks, which are often more restrictive than building clearance requirements. Check with a planner at <u>permitting@co.skamania.wa.us</u> if you are unsure of your property's setbacks.

If the manufacturer's installation instructions do not specify clearances to combustible materials, the required clearance must be 5 feet.

If the manufacturer's installation instructions do not specify clearances to openings into the house, the required clearance must be 5 feet from the opening with the generator exhaust port turned away from the openings.



Inspection:

When requesting inspection of the completed installation, please provide:

- 1. The manufacturer's installation manual.
- 2. A minimum of 3 PSI pressure test on gas piping for a minimum of 10 minutes.
- 3. A listed gas connector and shut off valve for the specific application.

△ WARNING



Running engine gives off carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless, poison gas.

Breathing carbon monoxide can cause headache, fatigue, dizziness, vomiting, confusion, seizures, nausea, fainting or death.

- Operate generator ONLY outdoors
- Install a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm near the bedrooms
- Keep exhaust gas from entering confined areas through windows, doors, ventilations intakes, or other openings