

## PORTABLE HOME GENERATORS

**STAY SAFE** after the storm.

Your portable generator can be a lifesaver during emergencies, but remember to follow these simple tips to prevent accidental injury to your family and utility workers restoring power.

### **DO:**

- Prevent back feed and electric shock by only using a generator wired by a qualified electrician.
- Plug electric appliances directly into generator using manufacturer's supplied cords or undamaged, grounded, heavy-duty extension cords.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Maintain and operate generator in accordance to manufacturer's use and safety instructions.
- Keep generator dry.
- Shut down generator before refueling.
- Inspect portable generator for damaged or loose fuel lines.

### **DO NOT:**

- **Attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure unless the generator has a properly installed transfer switch.**
- Use a generator indoors.
- Place a generator air intake outdoors near doors, windows or vents.