



**If you plan to use a portable generator...**

# **Read this before you connect.**

**NEVER** connect it directly to your home's wiring. This can energize power lines endangering our workers. Connect appliances directly to the generator. Operate your generator outdoors, **NOT** in a garage, carport or storage room. And always read the instructions first.

## **A Safety Checklist for Portable Generators**

- Be sure the generator you have selected has ample capacity to supply the lighting, appliances and equipment you plan to connect. Consult an electrician for assistance if needed.
- Purchase your portable electric generator from an established dealer who can provide service and maintenance if needed.
- Read the manufacturer's instructions thoroughly.
- Use your portable generator outside to avoid dangerous exhaust fumes.
- Do not operate your generator while standing in wet conditions. This could cause an electrical shock to anyone who comes in contact.
- For personal safety, make sure your generator is grounded so it does not become electrically charged.
- Only connect appliances directly to a portable generator. Do not connect the generator directly to the wiring system in your home or other building through outlets or your meter. This may damage your wiring system or back feed electricity endangering utility workers restoring your line.
- Do not attempt to fill the generator's fuel tank while it is operating as the gasoline may ignite.
- Do not tamper with the engine speed adjustment. This could cause overheating and cause a fire.
- Have a charged fire extinguisher nearby as a precaution.
- Transfer switches should be installed by a qualified electrician, and the installation must be in compliance with all local and national codes.