

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Don't Just Respond To Power Outages, Prevent Them

(NAPSA)—Some 30 million Americans suffer through extended power outages a year and that number is expected to rise—but you don't have to be among them. While storms, an aging electrical grid and freak occurrences can all contribute to significant power outages, getting a backup generator can make the difference for you.

### An Answer

It's all well and good to have some extra batteries put aside but it's even better to not need them in the first place. The answer, many families have found, is a stationary home backup generator that can keep the power running during and after a storm.

A stationary backup generator connects to a home's existing natural gas or LP fuel supply, automatically turns on after the electrical power goes out and provides power to the home until the electrical grid returns. A stationary generator isn't just part of an emergency preparedness kit—it can actually help prevent an emergency.

For example, homeowners in one coastal Maryland community weathered Hurricane Irene without any problems. Every home in the Chesapeake Village subdivision was built with an attached Generac standby generator. While thousands of other residents along the Chesapeake Bay faced week-long power outages, life for Chesapeake Village homeowners continued as usual.

"We had a lot of wind, a lot of rain, a lot of debris flying. But when the electricity went out our generator kicked in right away," Chesapeake Village homeowner



**For most places, power outages aren't a matter of "if" but of "when."**

Stephanie Patterson said. "This was my first experience with a generator, and it's a relief to have it. We kept our refrigerator hooked up, our lights on and with two small kids, it was great just to have some extra amenities."

Chesapeake Village resident Terri Blackwell said knowing she would not lose power during storms was a selling point when she and her husband were house hunting.

Power isn't just a luxury for many people with electronic medical devices, it's a necessity. In addition, many work from home or remotely and not having power is bad for their economy and the nation's.

Fortunately, you can get a Generac power system with an output from 7 kilowatts to 60 kilowatts through a broad network of independent dealers, retailers and wholesalers.

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