

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Why Own A Generator?

(NAPSA)—Now you have it. Now you don't. From hurricanes and snowstorms to unforeseen accidents, tens of millions of Americans lose electrical power to their homes each year. No warning—just no lights, no heat, no air-conditioning. No refrigerator, no sump pump, no security system. A few hours without power is a nuisance. Losing power for days, weeks or even longer can be costly and dangerous.

The good news is that an automatic standby generator can return your home to full power within seconds, anytime of year. A Guardian automatic standby generator, from Generac Power Systems, for example, works even when you're not at home. Experts say it's more convenient than a portable unit because an automatic standby generator senses an outage and begins to produce power immediately. There are no extension cords to plug in, gas tanks to fill or switches to flip.

Of interest to homeowners is that recent technology advancements have made standby power generators more affordable.

How Does It Work?

Unlike a portable generator, which can be dangerous and troublesome to operate, an automatic standby generator operates on your LP gas or natural gas supply. The generator monitors incoming voltage from the utility line and when power is interrupted, it senses a problem and transfers to standby power. Within seconds, the genera-



Whether it's a winter storm or a summer blackout, a standby power generator can keep you from being in the dark.

tor supplies electricity to the essential circuits you've chosen. When utility voltage returns, the electrical load is transferred back to the utility line.

How Long To Install?

One frequently asked question is: How long does it take to install an automatic standby generator?

A spokesman for Generac says its home standby air-cooled models can often be installed in as little as four hours. Liquid-cooled units can normally be installed in 14 hours or less.

Depending on the number of essential circuits required, homes can be protected for as little as \$2,000 plus installation with Guardian's 8-kilowatt unit.

To learn more about automatic standby generators and how to choose the right one for your home, visit www.GuardianGenerators.com.