



YOLO-SOLANO
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

EMERGENCY GENERATORS & PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS) EVENTS

FOR RESIDENTS

Backup generators aren't for everyone. Consider safety, noise and, cost along with your emergency power needs. Diesel exhaust contains toxic air contaminants and has been linked to lung cancer and other adverse health effects.

You can use an emergency standby generator during a PSPS event and be compliant with air quality requirements if:

- You use it **EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE** .
- You are within an outage area.

What are the alternatives to diesel backup generators?

- Battery and solar are the cleanest and safest options.
- Other alternatives to diesel include gasoline, natural gas and propane.

What are some precautions for using backup generators?

- Never use a fuel-powered generator inside your home. Good ventilation is required because of the pollutants that these generators produce.
- Be a good neighbor. Consider the effects of noise and exhaust before installing.
- If you use a generator during a wildfire, we recommend a HEPA air purifier to provide a clean air room for your family.

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