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Spring is here and we are looking forward to the warmer weather. Seeing some green and blossoms instead of all the mud and snow will do everyone some good!

However, Spring brings more potential issues. One of the most common in our area is storm season. With the strong storms that often rip through our area, we see power outages, much like we saw this winter. A Generac Generator is an excellent way to keep peace of mind during those times when the weather threatens to knock out the power. Our company is a certified Generac Sales and Service provider which means we can not only sell generators, we are also qualified to work on, perform annual maintenance and

are able to work closely with Generac to honor any warranty that exists with that generator.

In other news, we are now settled into our new office location, just across the parking lot, and absolutely loving it.

Our new address is, 1009 North Ave, Metropolis, IL 62960, previously Central Hall. Our office hours are 8am -4pm, Monday – Friday, and we can still be reached at 618-524-7545 or 270-441-2094.



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Could a home standby generator save you money on power outages?

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The real cost of power outages

Losing power to your home can be more than an inconvenience. Extended outages cost real money. To say nothing of the time you have to spend making repairs, replacing food and stressing about missing work or school. All these financial, logistical and emotional tolls can be avoided with the one-time investment in a home standby generator. Is it worth it? Here's how it all adds up.

Replacing all the food in the fridge when the power goes out.

When the power clicks off and doesn't immediately rush back on, the first thought for many is about losing everything in their fridge and freezer. And for good reason – those who keep a stocked kitchen could lose hundreds of dollars on fresh foods. But don't panic – if you keep the doors closed, food in your refrigerator is safe to eat for about 4 hours without electricity. Beyond that, the FDA¹ recommends discarding meat, poultry, fish, eggs and leftovers. If your freezer is full, it should hold a safe temperature for up to 48 hours.

Lodging costs
per night

\$110

Restock
refrigerator

\$250

Frozen
pipes

\$10,000

Flooded
basement

\$26,807

Mold
removal

\$500-30,000

Michigan Fire Claims, Inc., MoldRemediationCostGuide.com, Hotels.com, Fema.gov "Big Cost of Flooding" <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/181549>, USDA: <https://www.usda.gov/>

Work disruption and loss of productivity.

Working from home without electricity? Impossible. Even if the internet is up and running in your area after an outage, you need power at home to stay connected. No one wants to take precious vacation time to sit in a dark and powerless house or have to miss out on pay altogether. The impacts from loss of productivity loss can be widespread.

Unable to charge and use your EV.

If your primary mode of transportation is an [electric vehicle](#), it may be hours before you realize that being without power means you're also without a vehicle. And if you need to leave a storm-affected area after a prolonged outage, that becomes a serious problem that might only be remedied by a generator or [solar battery backup](#).

Home damage due to lack of climate control.

After suffering through an extended period of time without power at your home, maybe spending hundreds on hotel stays and replacement food, now you find damage to your home itself? It happens all the time. A sump pump can't do its job. The A/C doesn't remove the moisture from the air after a hurricane and mold starts to creep in. You come home after a winter storm to find pipes have burst... the list goes on. These repairs can take a long time to get done, waiting on an insurance claim, and competing with others in your community for skilled workers. If you can avoid this kind of damage, do it.

Invest in peace of mind.

The fact that power outages are inconvenient, costly and disruptive to daily life is no surprise. And, the frequency of prolonged outages is on the rise nationwide. Many homeowners find one of the biggest benefits they get from an investment in a Generac [home standby generator](#) is peace of mind, knowing they're prepared for seasonal storms or the effects of an unreliable, aging energy infrastructure.

10 HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

USE A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN FOR REPAIR WORK

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GET REGULAR CHECK-UPS FOR OLDER HOMES

REPAIR LOOSE OUTLETS; REPLACE CRACKED, WORN ELECTRIC CORDS

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WATCH FOR HOT OR DISCOLORED SWITCH PLATES, FLICKERING LIGHTS OR BUZZING

USE BULBS WITH CORRECT WATTAGE FOR THE FIXTURE

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USE EXTENSION CORDS TEMPORARILY, NOT AS PERMANENT WIRING

EDUCATE THE HOUSEHOLD ON ELECTRICAL SAFETY

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INSTALL TAMPER RESISTANT OUTLETS TO PROTECT AGAINST SHOCK

UNPLUG ELECTRONICS IF YOU SMELL SOMETHING BURNING

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KEEP COURDS OUT OF WALKWAYS AND HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS

WAYS TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY GENERATOR

ANNUAL CHECK UP

Have your generator looked at yearly by a certified technician to ensure it is running properly.



OIL CHANGES

Oil life varies on how many hours your unit has ran! It needs changed accordingly.



BATTERY LIFE

The average life expectancy of a battery is 3 year. This is the most common cause of a generator failure to run.



LANDSCAPING

Keep flowers and shrubbery trimmed and away from the generator.



PEST CONTROL

Monitor your generator for pest infestations. They can destroy the electronics.



CALL FOR SERVICE

Call as soon as you see a yellow or red light, or notice that the weekly test hasn't ran.

