USING GENERATORS SAFELY

To ensure your safety and the life of your generator

- Buy a generator large enough to meet your needs.

- Install your generator outdoors according to the manufacturer’s instructions:
  - Place generators in well-vented spaces away from your home and animals.
  - Generators emit carbon monoxide. Ensure exhaust escapes freely.
  - Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home to prevent poisoning.

- Ensure the generator is grounded to avoid risk of electrocution:
  - Use a heavy duty outdoor 12-gauge extension cord no longer than 100 feet.
  - Ensure cord’s wattage rating is higher than the total wattage of connected appliances.
  - Connect extension cords or use a transfer switch installed by an electrician.

- Read about your generator’s features and how to use them.

- Maintain your generator regularly:
  - Check and/or change oil after 25 hours if new, and every 50-60 hours afterward.
  - Use factory oil filters and keep several on hand.
  - Do not overfill oil.
  - Shut down periodically.

- Always use fresh gas in your generator:
  - Cool the unit before refueling. Clean any spills quickly.
  - Never store gas in your home. Store in non-glass safety containers away from heat.
  - Generators can be damaged by running out of gas. Monitor fuel levels.
  - Clean fuel tank each season if recommended.