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Where Were You When the Lights Went Out?

During the winter months the threat of power outages looms over your home more frequently. It's a considerable risk for your home to be without electricity for an extended period of time. As temperatures plummet, the chances of frozen pipes and sump pump leaks increase dramatically, along with the associated costs of extensive remediation, repair, and remodeling. When outages last for several days, you may need to find alternative lodging because your home is far too cold and food that isn't maintained at the proper temperature will spoil.

One Stop Home Repair recommends that you invest in the security of an electric generator provides. There are two different types of generators, standby and portable.

A standby generator is an internal combustion engine that usually runs on propane or natural gas. It operates by triggering an automatic transfer switch that disconnects your home from the main power supply after detecting a break in service. Immediately after your home is safely switched off the electrical grid, the generator switch runs the generator for a moment before bringing power into your home. Depending on the size, the standby can run all your appliances and lights for several days before requiring more fuel. When power is restored, the standby will automatically shut off and reconnect your home to the grid.

If all you desire is a method to decrease the risk of frozen pipes, avoid food spoilage, run a few lights and take a hot shower while crews get the power restored, then a portable generator may suit your needs. They do require manual set-up during a power outage, but cost less up front than a standby generator.

An electric generator is a worthwhile investment that will ensure that you and your home stay safe and warm during a power outage. Regardless of the type of generator you choose to use, you should have a transfer switch installed to prevent potentially lethal electric shocks that could start fires or harm electric company personnel who are working to restore power to your neighborhood.



Portable Generator

Call One Stop Home Repair today for a free electric generator consult to determine the best option for your home



Background: Heat Pump
Foreground: Standby Generator



Handy Howie Suggests

Next time you're looking for wall stud, remember studs are placed 16 inches apart and there is always one in a corner, or next to an electrical outlet. Once you've found one, you've found them all.

Next time you drill a hole in tile, place a drywall screw exactly where you want the hole and very gently tap it with a hammer to leave a tiny divot.

Then with your masonry bit equipped drill hold the drill to the divot and start drilling carefully.



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Photo of the Month



*Completely remodeled
dining room with a heat
pump.*



January Checklist

Maintain house temperature no less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Keep paper and other flammables away from wood stoves and other heat sources.

Re-check insulation around exterior pipes that might be exposed to freezing.

Move snow shovels and snow blowers to a convenient spot.

Clean kitchen appliances, inside and out, including refrigerator coils.

Did You Know?

- January is the only month when the North Pole is colder than the South Pole.
- Apart from leap years, January always starts on same day as October.
- January is National Blood Donor Month.

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The most popular song was **Howie the Handyman**
at 65% of votes.

Second was *Energy the One Stop Division*
at 24% of votes.

Third was *I'm Dreaming...*
at 12% of votes.

Thank you for participating in our contest!