

## Safely Storing Your Generator and Its Fuel

Gasoline is an extremely hazardous material. Its vapors are heavier than air so they can travel away from the container. If the vapors come into contact with an ignition source, the vapors will ignite and flash back to the container. Spilled gasoline or even the escaped vapors could cause a flashback to the pilot light of any appliance. Store gasoline away from any appliances that have a pilot light. This is a common issue in garage areas where gas water heaters are often located.

Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations when preparing your portable generator for storage. The fuel tank should be emptied by running the generator until all fuel is consumed; re-member to distance your gas powered generator at least 5 feet away from your home, as a minimum. Exhaust fumes can spread and enter through any opening. Do not run generators indoors, under the eaves, near windows, doors, or in the garage and always let the unit cool before putting it away.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the safe use and storage of gasoline please contact the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Department Fire Safety Division at 243-7425



## HELPFUL WEATHER LINKS AND INFORMATION:

[www.nhc.coaa.gov](http://www.nhc.coaa.gov)  
[www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com)  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
[www.noaa.gov/stormwatch/](http://www.noaa.gov/stormwatch/)  
[www.fpl.org](http://www.fpl.org)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

### ATTENTION!

**TUNE IN TO 1620AM FOR SPECIFIC UPDATES FOR CITY OF DELRAY BEACH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.**



**INFORMATION COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH EMERGENCY**



The City of Delray Beach Fire-Rescue  
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Delray Beach, Fl. 33444  
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**Delray Beach  
Fire-Rescue  
Department**

**Hurricane  
Preparedness  
and  
Generator Safety**



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561-243-7400  
[www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com)

# Hurricane Preparedness

Over the last few years we have seen an increase in the amount of storms that have hit our immediate area. While we are grateful to our friends and neighbors who worked to distribute food, water and provide shelter for those in need, we must also recognize the importance of making preparations for our families, before hurricane season starts. Keeping in mind that we should prepare ourselves for possible loss of power for days after a storm.

Take this opportunity to review your experiences with the last hurricane season and to use that knowledge to prepare for this season (June 1 to November 30) Go over your plans for preparing your home, your vehicle, your family and your pets in the event of a hurricane.

Stock up on enough hurricane supplies to last your family for **at least 5 days**, including your medications, food, and water.

By working together we will ensure a safe hurricane season and minimize the impact if a storm occurs by preparing early.

If you have any questions, please call the non-emergency number at Delray Beach Fire-Rescue 243-7400. We are here to help you in any way possible.

Stay Safe and Prepare,

*Danielle Couner*

Acting Fire Chief



# Generator Safety

**PORTABLE GENERATORS CAN BE DANGEROUS AND SHOULD BE USED WITH CAUTION**

Generators produce carbon monoxide, a gas which is odorless, tasteless, and invisible to the eye. Some of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include: dizziness, confusion, nausea, fatigue, headache and even death. Sometimes people can overlook these symptoms thinking they have the flu, not realizing they are being poisoned by the deadly gas.

Delray Beach Fire-Rescue encourages you to follow these valuable life saving tips:

- Read all instructions included with your generator
- Distance you gas powered generator at least 5 feet away from your house, as a minimum. Winds often change and therefore, the further away the better. In addition, make sure the exhaust fumes are projected away from your home.
- It is wise to invest in Carbon Monoxide Detector but not as a replacement for proper use and maintenance of your fuel-burning appliances
- Many fires start while re-filling the tank. Just a small spill on the hot exhaust pipe could cause a fire. Cool the unit before filling.



*Delray Beach Fire Rescue delivering food to citizens in need. The lines formed quickly.*

- Gas should be stored in approved gas containers and always outside the home
- Have a licensed electrician install a transfer switch if you don't want to run extension cords through your home
- Your home's electrical system needs to be turned off at the main switch. Many fires occurred last year when power was restored and residents had left home leaving on ovens, burners, curling irons, blow dryers and other appliances

**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH,  
GULF STREAM & HIGHLAND BEACH  
EVACUATION ZONES**

- Minor Hurricane**
- All coastal Barrier Islands
  - All Mobile and Manufactured Homes
  - All properties within one block of coastal body of water

- Major Hurricane**
- Same as Minor Hurricane
  - All areas eastward of US 1 / Federal Highway

**IMPORTANT CITY/COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS:**

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non Emergency Numbers</b>	
Delray Beach City Hall	561-243-7000
Delray Beach Fire Rescue	561-243-7400
Delray Beach Police	561-243-7800
Delray Beach Water Dept.	561-243-7312
Delray Beach Building Dept.	561-243-7200
Solid Waste Authority	866-792-3646
Palm Beach County EOC	877-655-0495

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