



\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE FROM THE CITY'S ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT\*\*\*\*\*

### **Generator Safety**

The generator should always be installed outdoors, away from windows and doors. Do not install the generator in a garage or crawlspace. Dangerous fumes can cause sickness and even death to the occupants of the structure.

Do not place the generator next to easily ignitable objects or near flammable fluids. When refilling the generator, allow it to cool and wipe off any fuel that may have spilled on the unit. Check the oil on the generator each time the unit is refilled with fuel.

Connect appliances to the generator using heavy-duty extension cords that are specifically designed for outdoor use. The generator should not be connected with a power cord with two male ends and plugged into an outlet inside or outside the building. Electrical fires or malfunctions can result from this practice. Make sure the wattage rating for each cord exceeds the total wattage of all appliances connected to it. A cord that is too small can overheat and cause a fire.

Do not try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet, a practice known as "back feeding." This is extremely dangerous and presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. It also bypasses some of the built-in household circuit protection devices.

Please feel free to contact the **Siloam Springs Electric Department at 479-524-3777** if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

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