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Hurricane / Storm Recovery Efforts

**Use of Portable Generators**

Persons using portable generators to support their recovery efforts in the wake of the storm are reminded to maintain proper safety measures for themselves and family members.

01. Portable generators should be placed on the exterior of the dwelling and maintain a minimum of 15 feet from any structure.
02. Never use generators on the interior of the home or garage. Gasoline generators produce carbon monoxide fumes, which are silent and deadly.
03. Never refuel generators when hot. Gasoline fumes can cause a flash fire and injure persons.
04. Never smoke during refueling of generators.
05. Never connect and/or use portable heaters with extension cords when using a generator. Extension cords when used improperly can cause a fire.
06. Store all flammable liquids in a safe location and in an approved safety can.

Each homeowner / occupant is asked to check all smoke detectors in their dwelling for operation. For a smoke detector, kindly contact your local Fire Department for a free smoke detector.

Camden County witnessed several serious fires in 2011 from improper use of portable generators. All of the documented cases where a generator was in use, persons also sustained serious burns during the refueling of the apparatus and caused fire damage to their homes.

Respectfully;

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