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Generators: What You Need To Know

- **Building permits and inspections are required for standby generators.**
- **Before we can issue a building permit, we need a complete application for a building permit, including proof of the contractor's liability and workers' compensation insurance.**
- **We also need a survey or plot plan marked to show the location of the generator and distances to property lines and other buildings or structures on the property.**
- **We also need the complete manufacturer's specifications for the generator. We need this information to verify that the generator is listed (by UL or other testing lab) and other details, such as minimum clearances, of how the generator is to be installed.**
- **We also need the RG&E "Natural Gas Appliance Inventory" sheet filled out by the homeowner and approved by RG&E, prior to issuing the building permit. RG&E has specifically asked us not to issue building permits for generators until they have this information first.**
- **Please note that we do not approve this paperwork; RG&E does. If you give it to us, and RG&E has not first reviewed and approved it, we will not issue the building permit.**
- **The building permit must be obtained before the generator is installed. Once it has been installed, either the homeowner or contractor needs to call us to arrange for the required inspection.**
- **The electrical inspection is performed by either Middle Department Inspection Agency (585-454-5191), New York Electrical Inspection Agency (585-436-4460) or Commonwealth Electrical Inspection Service (585-624-2380). Final electrical certificates are required by this office before a certificate of occupancy/compliance, which closes out the building permit, can be issued.**
- **Failure to obtain the permit before starting work will result in a \$100 surcharge being added to the permit fee. Items not previously inspected shall be uncovered or otherwise exposed for the inspector. We reserve the right to ask for additional information and/or verification from a licensed architect or engineer if necessary.**
- **Depending on the specifics of your project, there may be other inspections needed to satisfy the code requirements. We will let you know what rules apply for your particular project.**
- **If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to contact this office at (585) 889-6143 for more information.**