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Duquesne Light Promotes Safety When Using Alternative Electric Generation Sources This Winter

PITTSBURGH – Duquesne Light works hard year round to provide our customers with a safe and reliable source of electricity. However, severe winter storms can cause power outages due to damage to equipment by ice, high winds, falling trees or lightning strikes.

“While generators can be useful during a power outage, extreme caution must be used in setting up and using one,” said Warren Stough, Director of Safety and Operations Services. “Improper installation could present a serious danger to the homeowner and our employees, as well as damage the generator and the home’s electrical system.”

Here are important points for customer’s to remember when considering using a generator:

- Consult a licensed electrician to choose a generator that is the right size for your needs, and be certain that it meets national and local electrical code requirements.
- Whether you select a permanent standby generator or a portable generator, it is critical to read and follow all of the manufacturer’s safety and operation instructions.
- Carbon monoxide is produced any time a fossil fuel such as gasoline is burned. As a result, always operate your generator outdoors and make sure exhaust gases are safely vented away from your home.
- If a permanent standby generator is to be connected directly to your home’s circuits or wiring, the unit must be installed by a licensed electrician to ensure the electricity produced does not back feed into Duquesne Light’s electric lines and create an unexpected, dangerous high voltage situation for employees.
- Never connect the generator to any live electrical outlets and avoid contact with bare wires and terminals
- Use a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter in any damp or highly conductive area.

About Duquesne Light Company

Duquesne Light Company is a leader in the transmission and distribution of electric energy, offering superior customer service and reliability to more than a half a million customers in southwestern Pennsylvania.

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