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Generators are useful when temporary or remote power is needed, especially during or after a storm. But these machines can be very dangerous when not operated properly. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), 81 percent of deaths from engine-driven tools between 2004 and 2013 were caused by generators. Remember the following when using a generator:

- Never use a generator indoors carbon monoxide poisoning from the exhaust, a fire, and even electrocution are all risks.
- A qualified electrician should install a power transfer switch to connect it to your home to ensure that it is done in accordance with the National Electrical Code (NEC).
- "Backfeeding" is when you try to power your house by connecting the generator to a wall outlet – this

creates an electrocution risk for you and utility workers, and should never be attempted.

- Generators become hot when they have been running for long periods of time, which can make refueling dangerous. Always shut down the generator and allow it to cool before adding additional fuel.
- Don't wait until a storm to ensure that your generator is installed and running properly!

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BACK TO SCHOOL Safety

As the summer comes to an end and students head back to school, the City of Bryan and the Bryan Police Department want to ensure that you and your family have a safe start to the school year. Here are a few back to school safety tips to ensure your school year is an A+!

Traveling To and From School

Practice walking the route with your child if they plan on walking or riding their bicycle to school. Be sure to remind them of safety rules such as walking on the sidewalk, wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle and only crossing streets at crosswalks. Be sure to identify safe places along the route such as a church or library, in case your child needs help. If your child is going to ride the school bus to and from school, go to the bus stop with your child and teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus. Make sure your child knows to stand six feet away from the curb. If you are dropping your children off at school, be sure to observe school zone speeds and watch for darting children.

Be Prepared

Make sure to fill out any forms from your child's school such as emergency contact information and health information forms. Inform your child's school nurse and teachers of any medical conditions your child may have such as food allergies, asthma and diabetes. Make arrangements with the school nurse to administer any medications your child may need throughout the day.

Lighten the Load

When selecting a backpack for your child look for a backpack with an ergonomic design that reduces back pain, shoulder pain and poor posture. Make sure your child's backpack is never wider or longer than your child's torso and never hangs more than four inches below their waist. Your child should always carry their backpack with both shoulder straps, and it should never weigh more than 10 percent of your child's body weight. Never put your child's name or personal information on his or her backpack. This will make it more difficult for strangers to learn your child's name and appear more familiar to them.

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Energy Conservation Tip:

Electricity used to power home electronics can be consumed while those electric products are turned off. Unplug them to save power.



Water Conservation Tip:

Showering accounts for nearly 17 percent of indoor water use. Reduce this by taking shorter showers. Try using a timer for your kids to make water conservation a meaningful game!