



Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Generator usage and fuel storage regulations

Generators

Per the Palm Beach County Fire Code, 11.7.1.1; "Portable combustion engines shall not be located within 10 ft of a building or rooftop".

A helpful tip is to measure that distance from a structure is look at the roof overhang of the structure and go out 10 ft from there. This will help decrease the possibility of build- up of exhaust which can seep in through attic vents. It is also wise to have a carbon monoxide detector in the residence to alert you if fumes are building up.

Fuel storage limitations

Per the Florida Fire Prevention Code; NFPA 1; the allowable limits are divided into two categories based on the number of living units within the building.

66.4.5.3: Dwellings and Residential Buildings Containing not more than three dwelling units and accompanying attached and detached garages: "storage in excess of 25 gallons of Class I and Class II liquids combined shall be prohibited. In addition, storage in excess of 60 gallons of Class IIIA liquids shall be prohibited".

66.4.5.4: Assembly Occupancies, Buildings, Containing more than Three Dwelling Units, and Hotels:

"Storage in excess of 10 gallons of Class I and Class II liquids combined or 60 gallons of Class IIIA liquids shall be in containers stored in storage cabinets, in safety cans, or in an inside storage area that does not have openings that communicate with that portion of the building used by the public".

******Any questions regarding this information or other fire safety issues, please contact Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Bureau of Safety Services at (561) 616-7034.**