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PERMANANT GENERATOR INSTALLATION INFORMATION

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Permanent home standby generators have become increasingly popular in recent years due to the harsh weather experienced in the great northeast. Building permits are not required for these installations; however, some code requirements must be followed to insure a safe installation. Please note the following:

- NFPA 70 – 1999 The National Electrical Code requires that a sign be placed at the service entrance equipment indicating the type and location of onsite emergency generators. This requirement is applicable to all buildings that have an automatic generator transfer switch. It is essential for the protection of emergency personnel and service technicians working on equipment to prevent electrocution.
- NFPA 853 – governs the installation of fuel cell power systems. This is for installations where the fuel tanks are an integral part of these systems.
- All electrical installation requires an inspection from a town approved electrical inspection agency (attached). Submit proof to the Town of Clifton Park once the electrical inspection is completed.
- Install the generator per manufacture's installation specifications and pay particular attention to required clearances from the building to prevent fire or carbon monoxide hazards.
- Generators require maintenance and regular operation or "exercising" to insure proper function when needed. Remember to run your generator per manufactures recommendation and be considerate of your neighbor. The Town of Clifton Park has a noise ordinance as follows: No unreasonable noise between the hours of 10pm thru 7am. Exercising of generators shall not occur during these hours. Operation of generators due to power outages during these hours will be allowed.