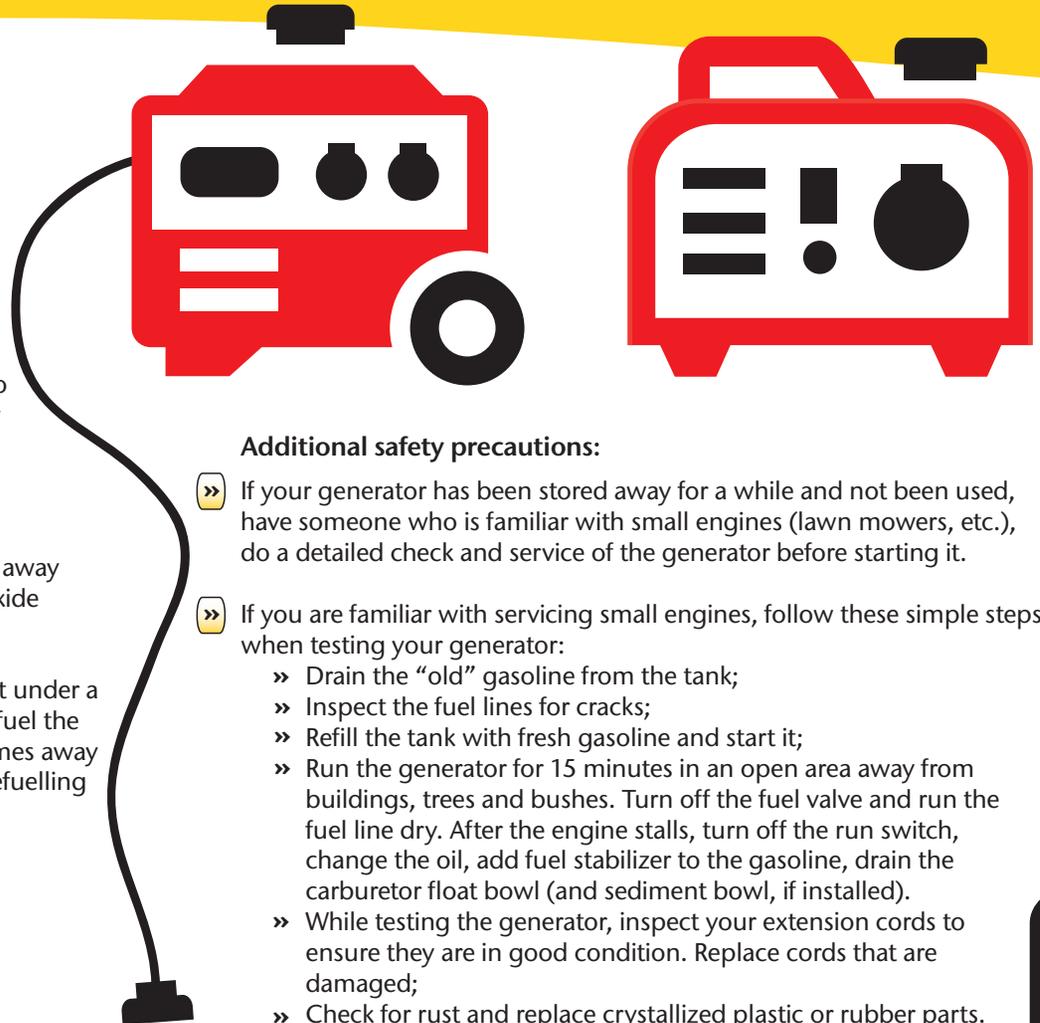


# Portable Generator Safety

*At CUC, your safety is our concern! We encourage you to consider these tips when using portable generators in the event the electricity supply is affected for any significant period of time.*

- » Always read the manufacturer's manual to ensure proper use.
- » If you are using a portable generator for the first time, obtain advice from a qualified electrician on the safe operation of the equipment to prevent fires and electrical shocks.
- » **Do not connect the output of the generator into the breaker panel or household outlets as it will create safety issues for you and CUC's line crews.** Connecting the generator into the panel box could result in electrocution as it may back feed into and energise CUC's power lines. Plug your appliances directly into the generator and avoid overloading.
- » Always unplug the generator output cord before starting it.
- » Always place the generator **outdoors** in a well-ventilated area away from windows or doors to avoid inhaling lethal carbon-monoxide fumes from the exhaust.
- » Protect the generator from direct exposure to rain by placing it under a canopy, makeshift cover, an open shed or carports. **Do not** refuel the generator while it is running or hot and always keep open flames away from the generator. Use a flashlight or battery lantern when refuelling at night. Always keep the generator dry.



## Additional safety precautions:

- » If your generator has been stored away for a while and not been used, have someone who is familiar with small engines (lawn mowers, etc.), do a detailed check and service of the generator before starting it.
- » If you are familiar with servicing small engines, follow these simple steps when testing your generator:
  - » Drain the "old" gasoline from the tank;
  - » Inspect the fuel lines for cracks;
  - » Refill the tank with fresh gasoline and start it;
  - » Run the generator for 15 minutes in an open area away from buildings, trees and bushes. Turn off the fuel valve and run the fuel line dry. After the engine stalls, turn off the run switch, change the oil, add fuel stabilizer to the gasoline, drain the carburetor float bowl (and sediment bowl, if installed).
  - » While testing the generator, inspect your extension cords to ensure they are in good condition. Replace cords that are damaged;
  - » Check for rust and replace crystallized plastic or rubber parts.



To report or obtain information on power outages, call **945-1CUC**. In the event of an electrical emergency, please call **911** immediately.

