

Other Hazards to Avoid After a Storm:

ELECTROCUTION:

Stay away from downed wires and whatever they are touching.

Look for signs that your appliances have gotten wet. Discard electrical or gas appliances that have been wet because they pose electric shock and fire hazards.

Before using your appliances, have a professional or your gas or electric company evaluate your home. Replace all gas control valves, electrical wiring, circuit breakers, and fuses that have been under water.

FIRES:

Use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns instead of candles.

If you must use candles, do not burn them on or near anything that can catch fire. Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave the room.

CHARCOAL DANGER:

Never use charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal in an enclosed space can produce lethal levels of carbon monoxide.

GAS EXPLOSION:

If you smell or hear gas leaking, DON'T turn lights on or off, or use electrical equipment, including a phone. LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, and then call 911!

Symptoms of CO Poisoning:

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever).

The symptoms include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning:

- Get fresh air immediately, and call for assistance. You could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning if you stay in your home.
- Get medical attention immediately, and inform medical staff that you suspect CO poisoning.
- Call the Fire Department to determine when it is safe to reenter your home.



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Follow these do's and don'ts to keep your family safe.

Portable Generator Safety

DO DON'T



DO make sure you have working **CO** alarms with battery backup outside sleeping areas.

DO read the label on your generator and the owner's manual.

DO use portable generators **OUTSIDE** only, at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and vents with exhaust facing away from these openings.

DO wait for the rain to pass before operating generator, or tent the generator, to avoid electrocution.

DON'T use portable generators inside your home, garage or shed.

DON'T use generators near openings to your home including doors, window or vents.

DON'T refuel a running generator.

DON'T delay if you start to feel sick or dizzy. Get to fresh air right away, then call **911**.

AT LEAST
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FEET*

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an invisible killer. It's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. **CO** from a generator used indoors can kill you and your family in minutes.