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Standby generator lot checklist

Walk your property with this before the free in-home assessment. Clearances from Generac, Kohler and Champion documents, checked November 13, 2026.

- [ ] **1. Gas meter, electric meter and main panel**
  Mark where each one is. The shorter the run from the spot to all three, the simpler the gas and electrical work.

- [ ] **2. Distance to windows, doors and vents**
  Measure from each candidate spot. Makers publish at least 5 feet from openings; check your model's manual.

- [ ] **3. Distance to the wall and around the unit**
  18 inches to the wall only on models tested for it; 3 feet clear at the front and ends, 5 feet above (Generac).

- [ ] **4. The property line and easements**
  Your city sets the setback. Ask the building department for the figure for your lot.

- [ ] **5. Where water goes after rain**
  Walk the lot after a storm. Avoid low corners, downspouts and sprinkler spray. Flood zone? Ask the city first.

- [ ] **6. Decks, patios and neighbors' windows**
  Never under a wooden deck. Face the unit toward a fence or a wall with no windows where you can.

- [ ] **7. Your HOA's guidelines**
  Get them before the permit. Texas Property Code Sec. 202.019 limits what an HOA can ban, but it can require screening and set location rules.

- [ ] **8. The loads you want covered**
  List what must stay on. It decides the generator size and the transfer switch.

From the HomeSafe guide "Where can a standby generator go on your DFW lot?" at homesafetx.com/generator-basics/where-to-put-a-standby-generator/. Your model's installation manual and local code set the final figures. Not legal advice. Last reviewed November 2026.