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# Storm-ready standby generator checklist

Keep this with the generator's manual. Smell gas near the unit? Move away and follow your gas utility's leak instructions.

- [ ] **Before: clear 3 feet around the unit**
  Leaves, boxes, plants and snow. Generac asks for at least 3 feet.
- [ ] **Before: check the propane tank**
  If you run on propane, check the level before a forecast storm, not during it.
- [ ] **Before: status light green, unit in AUTO**
  Yellow means maintenance is due or a warning; red means OFF or an alarm.
- [ ] **During: check the oil every 24 hours**
  On a long run, as Generac advises. Let the unit cool before checking.
- [ ] **During: note any light or code**
  Write it down before you call. It often points to the problem.
- [ ] **During: running but the house is dark?**
  Call. It is usually the transfer side and is treated as an emergency.
- [ ] **After: look for debris and standing water**
  If the unit sat in floodwater, do not start it until a dealer inspects it (Champion).
- [ ] **After: book service if an alarm came up**
  Every HomeSafe maintenance visit includes a power outage simulation.

24/7 emergency service, every day including holidays. After-hours and emergency rates apply depending on the circumstances, and you are told what they are before a technician is dispatched. From the HomeSafe guide at homesafetx.com/generator-basics/generator-service-during-a-storm-dfw/. Sources: Generac storm preparation article and owner's manual, Champion operator's manual, checked November 13, 2026. Last reviewed November 2026.