



## HOME STANDBY GENERATOR MAINTENANCE TIPS

***Like any engine, your home generator requires regular attention and maintenance to guarantee that it will perform when you need it as well as to extend the generator's life.*** We encourage you to familiarize yourself with your Owner Manual, which also has useful material to help you prolong the life of your generator.

Your generator has been set to run for 10-15 minutes weekly. This heats the oil to operating temperature which lubricates the engine. This weekly cycle also helps to drive out any moisture out of the unit. If your generator does not start up and run through its weekly cycle, open the case, and determine if there is an error code displayed on the controller. Error codes displayed can be researched on the manufacturer's website or in your Owner's Manual. If you need to reset your generator we have posted that information on our website.

Clear any snow, debris, or foliage that is near your generator and make sure that there are not any animals nesting inside the unit's box.

Monthly, or after your unit has run for 8 hours or more check the oil in your generator. *Check the oil only when the unit is not running and has not run for at least five minutes.* To check the oil, pull the dipstick, clean it with a soft, clean cloth, then dip again and check. If the oil is low, fill to the indicated mark with 5w30 synthetic oil. If your unit is larger than 24 KWH and isn't an air cooled unit, check the coolant level by looking at the catch tank inside the engine. If its low, fill it with the coolant recommended in your Owner Manual.

Inspect the battery and its housing for any signs of corrosion or leakage. Make sure to check to make sure there are no loose wires and that the terminals and wiring are both free of any damage.

With this routine maintenance and LaPlante Electric's Set It and Forget It annual maintenance plan, your generator will be ready when you need it!

*Thank you for allowing us to install your generator to assure that you will NEVER BE WITHOUT POWER AGAIN!*