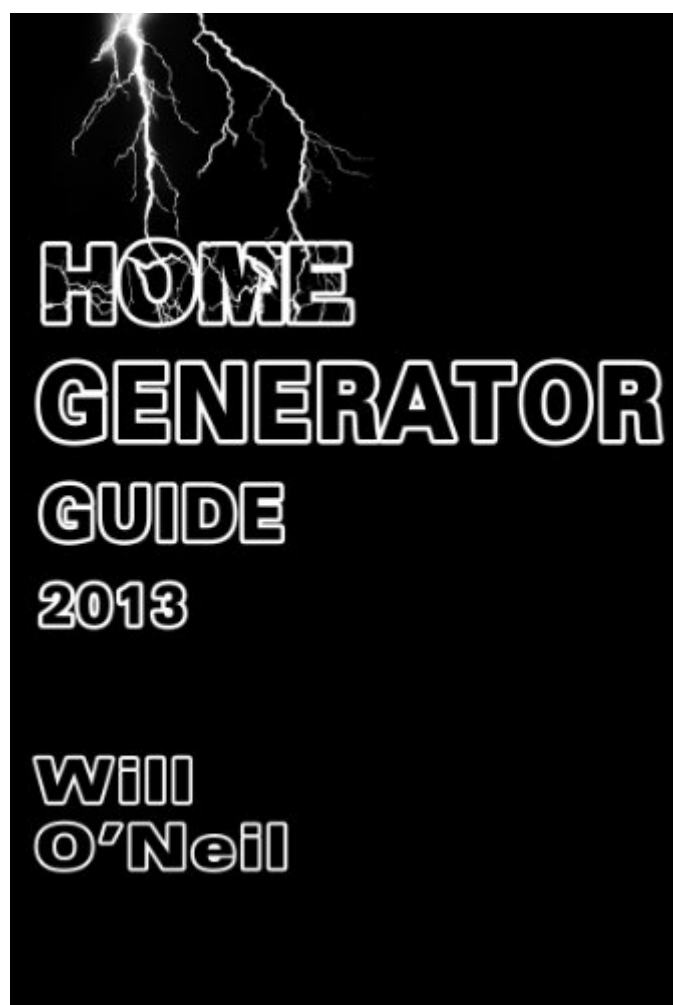


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# Home Generator Guide 2013



## Synopsis

Every year, tens of millions of homes throughout the U.S. and Canada lose power for hours, days, even weeks. With weather growing fiercer and electrical grids more overloaded, it's likely to get worse. You can keep your home functioning and safe in a power outage – this book will tell you what your options are. Not just the raucous, industrial-looking generators you may be thinking of, but generators that come in compact sound-proofed boxes and sit ready to turn on immediately and run without any intervention for days if necessary – or for a week or two with just a little routine attention. Or ways to modify a solar or wind power system to serve as a backup. Whether your budget is less than \$1,000 or upwards of \$30,000, whether you need to power just a few essentials or an entire large house or small business, whether you live in the country, suburbs, or city – the answers are here. Home Generator Guide 2013 will tell you how to meet your needs with power from natural gas, propane, gasoline, diesel fuel, sun, or wind. There's a tremendous range of alternatives. This book tells you what you need to understand them and make an intelligent choice. While it doesn't go into the specifics of particular models or contractors, it tells you how to find them. It lays stress on economics and where you can save money – and where there are hidden pitfalls. Note that Home Generator Guide 2013 is written for readers in North America and a few other places where power is governed by variations on the U.S. National Electrical Code (NEC) or Canadian Electrical Code (CEC). It will be less applicable elsewhere. A printable preview can be downloaded from the link at [Home-Generator-Guide.com](http://Home-Generator-Guide.com).

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I like to buy Kindle books like this before I am making a major purchase. The six dollars I spent on this probably saved me and 100 times that much buying a generator that would work. My situation - I think it is probably not too uncommon - is that the power goes out fairly often in my neighborhood. We have electric heat, which means that we're freezing in the dark when it does. The most obvious solution seems to be to have emergency backup electricity. The introduction of the book tells you how that can be accomplished properly. Basically, start with five figures in US dollars that you are ready to spend. Dedicate some of your real estate to siting a generator, and be prepared to invest a little bit of time making sure that the thing is always ready to go. We wanted to go something cheaper. We have a large, well insulated attic and the generator salesman and implied that might be able to put a portable generator up there. I wanted to know why not. Here is a short list.

1. Start with carbon monoxide. Even if it is in the attic, and vented to the outside, the system still presents a risk. After reading the book I raised my and estimate of the risk.
2. It would be noisy. The book has a pretty lengthy discussion of the noise the generators make. I hear them in my neighborhood, and knew that they were not quiet. The book gives a lengthy assessment of how noisy, and how to do something about it.
3. What kind of fuel. I had imagined gasoline. I learned the gasoline deteriorates over time and storage. You cannot keep it for months on end, ready for immediate use when the crisis hits. Here the book offers alternatives. The best solution would be gas, either from the gas company itself or bottled gas.

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