

**Town of Clarence
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PERMANENT HOME GENERATOR REQUIREMENTS

The following information is intended to assist the homeowner in having a permanent generator installed in a safe and ordinance compliant manner.

A permit is required.

*The permit may be obtained by either the property owner or the contractor for the property owner.

*The contractor must have proof of valid NYS Worker's Compensation & NYS Disability.

*If the homeowner is the contractor they must have a Residential Insurance Waiver filled out

*The permit fee will be \$50.00.

Proposed location on the lot must be provided.

*A copy of the survey of the property is needed so that it can be determined that the proposed location complies with the following:

- The Local Zoning Ordinance
- The NYS Building & Fire Codes
- National Fire Protection Association Standard NFPA 37
- The Manufacturers installation instructions

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A copy of the Manufacturers installation instructions must be submitted with the permit application.

The generator location is very important to minimize fire and exhaust gas hazards.

Agricultural Flood Zone - Rear or side yard only. Must be 5' minimum from property line whether in rear or side yard.

Agricultural Rural Residential – Rear or side yard only. Must be 10' minimum from property line if in side yard or 5' minimum from property line if in rear yard.

Residential Single Family – Rear or side yard only. Must be 10' minimum from property line if in side yard or 5' minimum from property line if in rear yard.

Traditional Neighborhood District – Rear or side yard only. Must be 10' minimum from property line if in side yard or 5' minimum from property line if in rear yard.

Restricted Business – Must be 10' to side or rear property line.

Commercial – Must be 10' to side or rear property line.

Major Arterial – Must be 10' to side or rear property line.

***The generator must have at least 5 ft. clearance to a structure or other combustible materials on all sides, including overhead. (As measured from the generator enclosure.)**

***The generator must be located so that exhaust gases will not collect adjacent to, enter into or be drawn into an occupied building.**

***Attention to wind and air currents at the location, and distances to windows or other building openings must be considered.**

***The unit must be installed level and not where water may accumulate.**

***If the location is in a regulated flood hazard area the unit must be located above the base flood elevation.**

***The unit must not be located over buried utility services.**

***The unit must not block access to other utility equipment such as Electric Service, telephone equipment, Gas Meters, etc.**

***Smoke Detectors – As a minimum, a hardwired 110 volt smoke detector will be required in the basement. 110 volt or battery operated smoke detectors will be required on each floor level and in bedrooms.**

Inspection Required

***Once the unit is installed the installation must be inspected by the Town Code Enforcement Officer (741-8950) to determine compliance with all applicable requirements. All interior and exterior electrical work must be inspected by the New York Board of Fire Underwriters – 626-1571.**

Final inspections are required by both parties. A certificate of compliance must be issued by the Town of Clarence prior to any use of the generator.