

SAFETY FIRST

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS: Assisted Living Facilities Generator Safety

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all Floridians, especially during the Atlantic hurricane season. Our most vulnerable citizens residing in assisted living facilities are of the greatest importance.

Florida's Generator Law requires all assisted living facilities to have a backup source of power.

9 Things Assisted Living Facilities Should Know to be Prepared for a Hurricane or a Power Outage:

- Each assisted living facility is required to prepare a detailed emergency power plan that must be submitted to and approved by the local emergency management agency.
- Power sources must keep resident occupied areas at 81 degrees Fahrenheit or cooler for 96 hours following a power outage.
- Facilities on the same campus may share backup power resources.
- Required temperatures must always be maintained in an area or areas of sufficient size to keep residents safe. No less than 20 sq. ft. per resident must be provided.
- An assisted living facility with a licensed capacity of 17 or more beds must store 72 hours of fuel onsite. Those with 16 beds or less must store 48 hours of fuel onsite. If utilizing piped natural gas, this meets the 72 hour onsite fuel requirement.
- An assisted living facility located in an area in a declared state of emergency must secure additional fuel for 96 hours. Portable fuel storage containers may be used for fuel that is secured in excess of the 48 or 72 hours to meet the requirement during the period of a declared state of emergency.
- If fuel storage is restricted by local regulations, or piped gas is not available, fuel must be replenished 24 hours before depletion.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are required in all regulated assisted living facilities.
- Local authorities having jurisdiction will review building and mechanical plans.

To learn more about how the Agency for Health Care Administration is helping assisted living facilities plan for emergencies to keep our most vulnerable citizens safe, visit [AHCA.MyFlorida.com/generatordashboard](https://www.fhca.com/MyFlorida.com/generatordashboard).

