

Standby Generator Clearance

NFPA 37 Requirements

For a complete and updated list, [see the NFPA 37 web page](#).

- 5 ft. from openings in walls (operable windows, doors, vents, window wells, or openings in the wall) to prevent Carbon Monoxide in the home.
- 5 ft. of clearance from the back of the generator to a combustibile stationary wall or building or; 18 in. based on testing done by the Southwest Research Institute or; per manufacturers instructions.
- 5 ft. of clearance above the generator.
- 3 ft. of clearance at the front and both ends. This includes trees, shrubs, and bushes. Vegetation not in compliance could obstruct airflow and exhaust fumes could inhibit plant growth.
- In addition to these requirements, verify all potential for water intrusion is directed away from the generator enclosure: sprinklers, roof run-off, down spouts, and sump pump discharge.

