



FEMA Fact Sheet

Generator Policy

Under the Other Needs Assistance (ONA) provision of FEMA's Individuals and Households Program (IHP), eligible applicants for disaster assistance may be eligible to be reimbursed for the purchase or rental of a generator required for medical purposes.

To qualify for reimbursement:

- The generator is purchased or rented due to an event that results in a presidentially declared emergency or major disaster;
- The applicant's dwelling must be located in a declared area designated for Individual Assistance;
- An applicant must provide proof-of-purchase or rental receipts for the generator;
- The generator must be needed for a medically required appliance or piece of equipment; and
- There must be proof that the appliance or equipment was required for medical purposes.

The qualifying incident period for an event starts on the date the Governor declares a state of emergency and ends at the closure of the incident date published by FEMA in the Federal Register, or the date power is restored to the applicant's dwelling, which ever occurs first.

Expenses incurred for generators purchased or rented outside the established timeframe are not eligible for reimbursement.

For purchased units, the cost of the generator will be reimbursed up to the prevailing retail rate (identified by FEMA) for a 5.5 kw-sized generator.

For rental units, reimbursement of rental cost is limited to the period that the generator was rented until commercial power was restored. Reimbursement of rental cost will not exceed established retail purchase pricing guidelines.

Items included under ONA are selected by the state, which shares the reimbursement cost with FEMA (75 percent FEMA, 25 percent state).

FEMA cannot reimburse for equipment paid for by another source, such as Medicare, Medicaid, household or medical insurance. Duplicate payments or reimbursements for assistance provided by insurance are prohibited by law.



Sample of a 5.5 kw-sized generator



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