

GENERATOR GUIDELINES

Home Generators

The placement of home generators should be on the side of the house or at the back of the house, not visible from the street or neighbors. A small fence or screen can be installed to achieve this requirement.

Due to noise levels of gas-powered generators, they should not be run when there is power to the house. Testing and use in an emergency situation would be the exception.

The City of West Linn requires a permit and site plan for all home generators

- City of West Linn Building Guide
 - Residential Project Information can be found on Page 8
- The full URL is:
 - https://westlinnoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/building/page/6926/1-13_building_guide_manual.pdf

Homeowner instructions can be found here: <https://westlinnoregon.gov/building/building-permit>

The Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) requires that all emergency and required standby power supply systems be installed in conformance with the National Electrical Code (NEC)

Permits are required for all new construction and specific alterations to existing homes in Oregon.

Architectural Submission Requirements

A completed HSSOA Architectural Review Request form along with Neighbor Notification forms must be submitted and include:

- City of West Linn Permit
- Drawing showing the location of the generator

Prohibitions

No driveway placement of a generator unless it is temporary and for use in an emergency situation.

Aesthetic Guidelines

Placement of a generator should be on the side of the house or at the back of the house, away from neighbor bedrooms, with no visibility from the street or neighbors. A small fence or screen can be installed to achieve this requirement.