

EMERGENCY POWER PLANNER

YOUR PRACTICAL GUIDE TO RESTORING ELECTRIC POWER AND PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS DURING UTILITY OUTAGES.

When the power goes down, you want it back – fast. Preparation for power failure is a must, and a contingency plan is an essential tool. With a solid contingency plan in place, you'll know what to do and whom to call to restore your power as soon as possible, to keep your business functioning and your revenue stream flowing.

This Emergency Power Planner will guide you and your team through the basic steps of building a contingency plan. The checklist format will help you cover the key elements quickly and easily. To fill in the details, consult with an established supplier of rental power generating equipment, supplies and service. Sooner or later power outages affect everyone. Don't wait for the inevitable to happen. The time to plan is now, and Thompson Power Systems is ready to assist you.

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▶ STEP 1 DETERMINE YOUR POWER REQUIREMENTS.

IN A UTILITY OUTAGE, YOU CAN PROVIDE POWER FOR YOUR ENTIRE FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT, OR FOR CRITICAL LOADS ONLY. YOUR EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR POWERS ONLY LIFE-SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY CODE. AFTER THAT, YOU MUST CHOOSE WHICH LOADS ARE CRITICAL AND WHICH ARE NOT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Production machinery	_____ kW	<input type="checkbox"/> Pumps	_____ kW
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers and servers	_____ kW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____ kW
<input type="checkbox"/> Process controls	_____ kW	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____ kW
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant and office lighting	_____ kW	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____ kW
<input type="checkbox"/> Heating, ventilating, air conditioning	_____ kW		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compressed air systems	_____ kW	TOTAL	_____ kW

▶ STEP 2 PLAN FOR THE LOGISTICS OF DELIVERY AND OPERATION.

YOUR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER MUST BE ABLE TO DELIVER AND PARK THE GENERATOR SET, SO THAT IT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR CONNECTING, OPERATING, SERVICING AND FUELING. PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of connection points | <input type="checkbox"/> Opening for cable access to the building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally sound location away from drains, work areas and residences | <input type="checkbox"/> Location away from traffic, trees and obstructions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designated access route for delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned route for cable inside the building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location with adequate surrounding open space | <input type="checkbox"/> Level, paved area for parking |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Security fencing |

▶ STEP 3

SELECT APPROPRIATE GENERATOR SET FEATURES.

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF FEATURES TO SUIT YOUR SITE'S SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING:

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- Sound attenuation:** Ask for ratings below 92 db(A) at full load. Ratings as low as 70-72 db(A) are available.
- Auto start-stop capability:** Automatically starts a rental unit if a standby unit goes down.
- Vertical radiator and exhaust discharge:** Directs discharges up and away from buildings and people. Important in populated or high-traffic areas.
- Electronic governor:** Necessary for critical loads that cannot tolerate frequency fluctuation (computers, motor-driven equipment, machines backed by UPS).
- Charging alternator:** Ensures that batteries are charging when the unit is operating.
- Sight gauges:** Simplify monitoring of fuel and critical fluid levels.
- Security features:** Lockable doors, interior-mounted oil/water drains, and hidden exterior fuel drains help prevent tampering.
- Distribution panel labeling:** Helps inexperienced operators safely identify output voltages.
- Output bus bars:** Spacing of bus bars for multiple output cable hookups allows one generator set to run several loads.
- Fuel priming pump:** Facilitates startups after transport.
- EPA and local emissions certifications:** Ensures compliance with emissions regulations.

▶ STEP 4

IDENTIFY REQUIRED ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES.

YOUR INSTALLATION MAY REQUIRE A VARIETY OF ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT. CONSIDER WHETHER YOU NEED ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW. IF SO, DETERMINE THE REQUIRED QUANTITIES.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuses | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Switchgear | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Outlets | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Controls | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Spider boxes | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit breakers | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Cable ramps | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transformers | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Load banks | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus bars | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | _____ |

▶ STEP 5

CHOOSE YOUR RENTAL GENERATOR SET SUPPLIER.

TO IMPLEMENT A SUCCESSFUL PLAN, LOOK FOR A RENTAL DEALERSHIP THAT OFFERS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS AND CAPABILITIES:

- Well-maintained and pre-tested equipment
- Rental units in-stock that meet your load requirements
- Modern, emissions-compliant equipment designed for rental use
- Complete ancillary equipment in-stock
- Ability to deliver to meet your time constraints
- Quick, efficient delivery and pickup
- Spare parts inventory in-stock
- Staff qualified to deliver turnkey service and technical support
- Experience in your industry
- Capability to train your staff
- Flexible financial options that include weekly and monthly rental contracts; Rental Purchase Option
- Pre-approved credit arrangements.
- 24-hour response including weekends and holidays.

▶ STEP 6

PROVIDE FOR FUELING.

A RELIABLE FUEL SUPPLY IS ESSENTIAL FOR EMERGENCY OPERATION. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR FUEL SERVICE IN ADVANCE, IDEALLY THROUGH YOUR RENTAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER, OR THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE IF NECESSARY. CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDE:

- Tank capacity:** Determine the fuel consumption rate of the generator set. The unit should be able to operate for at least eight hours between refuelings.
- Auxiliary fuel:** Having an auxiliary fuel tank enables longer runs between refuelings.
- Delivery access:** Make sure you can provide a clear and easily navigable access route for fuel delivery vehicles.
- Spill containment:** Regulations typically require containment equal to the tank capacity.
- Credit approval:** Prior credit approval from the fuel supplier is essential to keep emergency operations on track.

▶ STEP 7

CONDUCT A DRY RUN.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. IF YOU WANT YOUR PLAN TO WORK IN A REAL EMERGENCY, YOU MUST PRACTICE ITS EXECUTION BEFOREHAND. STAGE A DRILL IN WHICH YOUR TEAM AND, IDEALLY, YOUR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER RUN THROUGH THE PLAN STEP BY STEP, JUST AS IF AN EMERGENCY WERE REALLY HAPPENING.

- Make sure that each person fully understands his or her role in the event of an actual power outage.
- Estimate how long it takes from the time the power fails until your emergency power supply is online.
- Verify the voltage from the transformer breakdown. Knowing the voltage from the transformer breakdown is essential to the safety of people around the generator and will allow the service provider to fit the generator with the right size connections.

