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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROMOTES GENERATOR SAFETY AHEAD OF 2022 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TAX HOLIDAY



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Tallahassee, Fla.— On May 6, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis signed [House Bill 7071](#) authorizing a [Disaster Preparedness Supplies Sales Tax Holiday](#) from May 28 to June 10, 2022. This tax holiday includes portable generators and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors/alarms*.

CO is an invisible, odorless, poisonous gas produced by burning fuels. "CO poisoning cases spike during and after tropical storms and hurricanes from misplacement of portable generators," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Carina Blackmore. "Proper placement of portable generators can help prevent CO-related hospitalizations and deaths."

Floridians can prevent CO poisoning by [using portable generators safely](#) and installing [CO detectors/alarms](#) on all livable levels near sleeping areas in every home. Watch our [Portable Generator Safety Public Service Announcement](#) and visit our carbon monoxide poisoning prevention [webpage](#) for additional information. For CO poisoning data, visit the Florida Environmental Public Health Tracking [website](#).

If you have a poisoning emergency, call the [Florida Poison Control Center Network](#) at 1-800-222-1222. For all medical emergencies, call 911 immediately.

*Portable generators \$1000 or less, and CO detectors/alarms \$70 or less

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