



## **A Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Safety Message from the Borough of Matawan Office of Emergency Management.**

- Never use a generator inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area.
- Keep these devices outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- Face the generator exhaust away from the house, garage, and decks.
- Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent Carbon Monoxide buildup in the home. Although Carbon Monoxide can't be seen or smelled, it can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death. Even if you cannot smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to Carbon Monoxide.
- If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air **RIGHT AWAY - DO NOT DELAY**. Evacuate everyone from the home and Call 911.
- Install Carbon Monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.