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Risk of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

After the effects of Hurricane Irma, it's likely that parts of Flagler County will be without power. While many will rely on generators, charcoal, and propane grills, be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide.

"It will still be raining, but don't use that as an excuse to pull the grill or generator into the house or even into the garage," Sheriff Rick Staly warned. "They emit deadly toxins that do not have an odor but can be lethal. Keep them outside in well ventilated areas."

Signs of carbon monoxide poisoning



Consumer Product Safety Commission (www.cpsc.gov) warns Generator Danger:

- CO from a generator is deadly and can kill you in minutes. One generator produces as much CO as hundreds of cars. It can incapacitate and kill consumers within minutes.
- **NEVER** use portable generators indoors or in garages, basements, or sheds. They should always be used outside well away from windows, doors, vents, or any other opening.
- Always have a working CO alarm in your house.
- Never burn charcoal grills indoors, even with ventilation. Charcoal quickly produces deadly CO.

Contact Florida Poison Information Center at 1-800-222-1222 for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Contact the Flagler County Emergency Information line at (386) 586-5111 for any hurricane related questions. Follow the Flagler County Sheriff's Office on Facebook and flaglercounty.org/IRMA.

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