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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Portable Generator Safety**

The Officers and Members of the Scarsdale Fire Department would like to remind our residents of some vital portable generator safety tips, as you continue to battle through the recent winter storms and face continued power outages.

- **Never** run a generator inside of a building. This includes the garage or basement. Within minutes Carbon Monoxide can build up - this colorless, odorless, gas kills occupants with no warning every year.
- **Always** place generators at least 10 feet from any structure. The exhaust must face away from any openings. Fans will not prevent Carbon Monoxide buildup.
- **Never** place generators on or near combustibles. This includes decks, porches and tool sheds. The heat generated by the motor or improper refueling can start a fire.
- **Never** modify, construct, or connect a generator to a dryer, range, or other household receptacle.
- **Always** follow your manufacturer's generator instructions to avoid electrocution.
- **Never** store fuel for your generator in your house. Flammable liquids should always be stored outside living areas in properly labeled, and ventilated containers.
- **Always** make sure you have working carbon monoxide and fire detectors installed.

Should you need any assistance or require any additional safety information, please contact the Scarsdale Fire Department at 722-1215.

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