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Generator Winter Prep Checklist

Cold weather can make even the most reliable generator struggle to start. Use this checklist to prepare your power system before temperatures drop.

Cooling System

- ☐ Check coolant level and confirm it's rated for your region's lowest temperatures.
- ☐ Inspect the radiator and hoses for leaks or corrosion.
- ☐ Verify block heater operation—it should warm the engine block and show no signs of leaking.

Engine Oil

- ☐ Use the correct oil weight for your area's winter temperatures.
- ☐ Change oil and filters every 250 hours or at the start of each season.
- ☐ Inspect oil for contamination or signs of fuel dilution.

Fuel System

- ☐ Perform preventative maintenance before cold weather.
- ☐ Avoid emergency additives like Diesel 911 by treating diesel fuel ahead of time.
- ☐ Inspect fuel filters and lines for debris or cracks.
- ☐ For natural gas units, consider heat tracing exposed gas lines in extreme cold.

Electrical & Battery System

- ☐ Test the battery charger to ensure it's charging correctly.
- ☐ Inspect battery cables and starter connections—all should be tight and corrosion-free.
- ☐ Clean terminals and check electrolyte levels (for lead-acid batteries).

Belts, Air, and Lubrication

- ☐ Inspect belts annually for cracks, wear, or glazing.
- ☐ Clean or replace air filters to maintain proper airflow.
- ☐ Lubricate gen end bearings if they're greaseable, using the correct grease type.

Breaker & Connection Checks

- ☐ Tighten leads at the generator breaker and inside the gen end to prevent heat buildup.
- ☐ Visually inspect electrical panels for any loose or burnt connections.

Load Bank Testing

- ☐ Perform a load bank test every six months to verify the generator can handle rated capacity.
- ☐ Schedule service through a licensed technician for accurate testing and reporting.