

Drumlins II HOA Backup Generator Installation Guidelines

While there are already many installations of Backup Generators in Drumlins II, there are still many residents who are considering installing a unit. The local building code does cover generators and the installation code does specify location and distance from windows and other utilities to which your contractor must adhere. Both RG&E and Victor Town inspections are required. Additionally, the HOA has several guidelines which should be considered when planning for your backup generator installation.

1. Think of your neighbors. The sight of the generator is not very picturesque. Having shrubbery around the generator can soften the view as well as the sound of the generator. Remember that the generator typically does a weekly test run. And in the event of a longer power outage, the sound of the generator can be quite disturbing to your neighbors.
2. Have the electrical and gas lines to the generator installed underground. This provides both a cleaner look to the installation as well as eliminates the chance disturbance of the lines by lawn mowing equipment. When above ground installation is needed, make sure that there is a mulch area provided under the lines so that lawn trimming is not required behind the generator.
3. Have a protective barrier, such as a 4 X 4 or 6 X 6 landscape timber, around the unit or below the unit in order to buffer the unit from any inadvertent contact by the lawn mowing equipment.
4. If planning to have some landscaping around the unit, DO NOT use stones which the lawn mowing equipment can accidently eject (fling) to the siding or a window, causing damage.
5. Importantly, have an installation drawing with dimensions provided by the contractor.
6. Lastly, submit a variance request, including the installation drawing, to the Drumlins II HOA prior to finalizing plans for the generator installation and signing the contract. The HOA wants to be assured that these points are being considered by you and the contractor. Better yet, show these guidelines to your contractor prior to obtaining a cost estimate.
7. While the HOA does not recommend any one particular vendor, you can easily view generator installations around the Drumlins II community and talk with others about their installer and even talk with Board members.

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