



City of Malibu

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Submittal Requirements for Residential Generator Permit

1. Provide Planning Division approval prior to submitting to Building Safety (if Streamlined Form requirements are not met).
2. General: Provide a copy of the manufacturer's specifications/installation instructions.
3. Site Plan: Provide electronic copy with the following. Note: Block wall higher than 42" requires a separate permit.
 - a. Distance from generator to combustible construction (structure, vegetation).
Note: Typically 5' (check manufacturer's specifications/ LA County Fire requirements).
 - b. Distance from generator to property line(s). Minimum 36".
 - c. Distance from generator to any operable doors and windows. Minimum 5'.
 - d. Location of trench for gas line and electrical conduit(s), if applicable.
 - e. Generator to be fully screened. Maximum 42".
4. Fuel Gas Requirements (natural Gas or Propane)
 - a. BTU requirements of the generator. Note: Contact Southern California Gas to verify that meter does not need upgrade.
 - b. Location of gas meter.

Note: If generators are fueled by a 500+ gallon propane tank, Petro Chemical review/permit from LA County Fire Department will be required.

5. Electrical: Provide electronic copy of a single line drawing with the following.
 - a. Generator (rating). Note: Must be sized to serve backup loads (2023 California Electrical Code 702.4).
 - b. Backup loads schedule.
 - c. Conductor sizing throughout and circuit identification.
 - d. Signage at main service panel (signage must indicate location and type of power source).
 - e. ESS plunger switch if generator is greater than 6' from Main Service Panel.

Note: If main panel is greater than 400 Amps, engineered electrical drawings must be submitted for review and approval. If photovoltaic system was previously permitted on the structure, an electrical engineered single line is required to show isolation between both systems (include battery backup).

For questions regarding the requirements, contact the Community Development Department, Building Safety Division at Mbuilding@malibucity.org or 310-456-2489 ext. 390.