IS IT SAFE TO USE A CAMP STOVE OR HEATER INDOORS?

No. Ready.gov says generators, camp stoves and charcoal grills go outdoors only, and a gas stove or oven should never be used to heat a home. Keep carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup on every level so an alarm still sounds during an outage.

THE STEPS

01 Use camp stoves, charcoal grills and generators outdoors only.

02 Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat the home.

03 Place carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup on every level of the home.

04 For warmth indoors, use layers, blankets and sleeping bags instead.

THE CHECKLIST

- ☐ CO detectors with battery backup
- ☐ Spare batteries for detectors
- ☐ Wool or fleece blankets
- ☐ Sleeping bag for each person

Sources: Ready.gov, Power Outages; Ready.gov, Build a Kit. Last reviewed November 17, 2026. General planning information, not medical, legal or financial advice.