

RISKY BUSINESS

What You Need To Know About...

Emergency Standby Generators

Installation of an emergency standby generator is a common strategy to protect against the loss of electrical power caused by storms and utility outages. The long-term benefits of owning a generator frequently offset the short-term cost. In many parts of the country, the electrical grid is over 50 years old.¹ Aging utility equipment is a leading cause of electrical interruptions. Losing power often forces the homeowner or tenant to relocate and incur significant expenses.

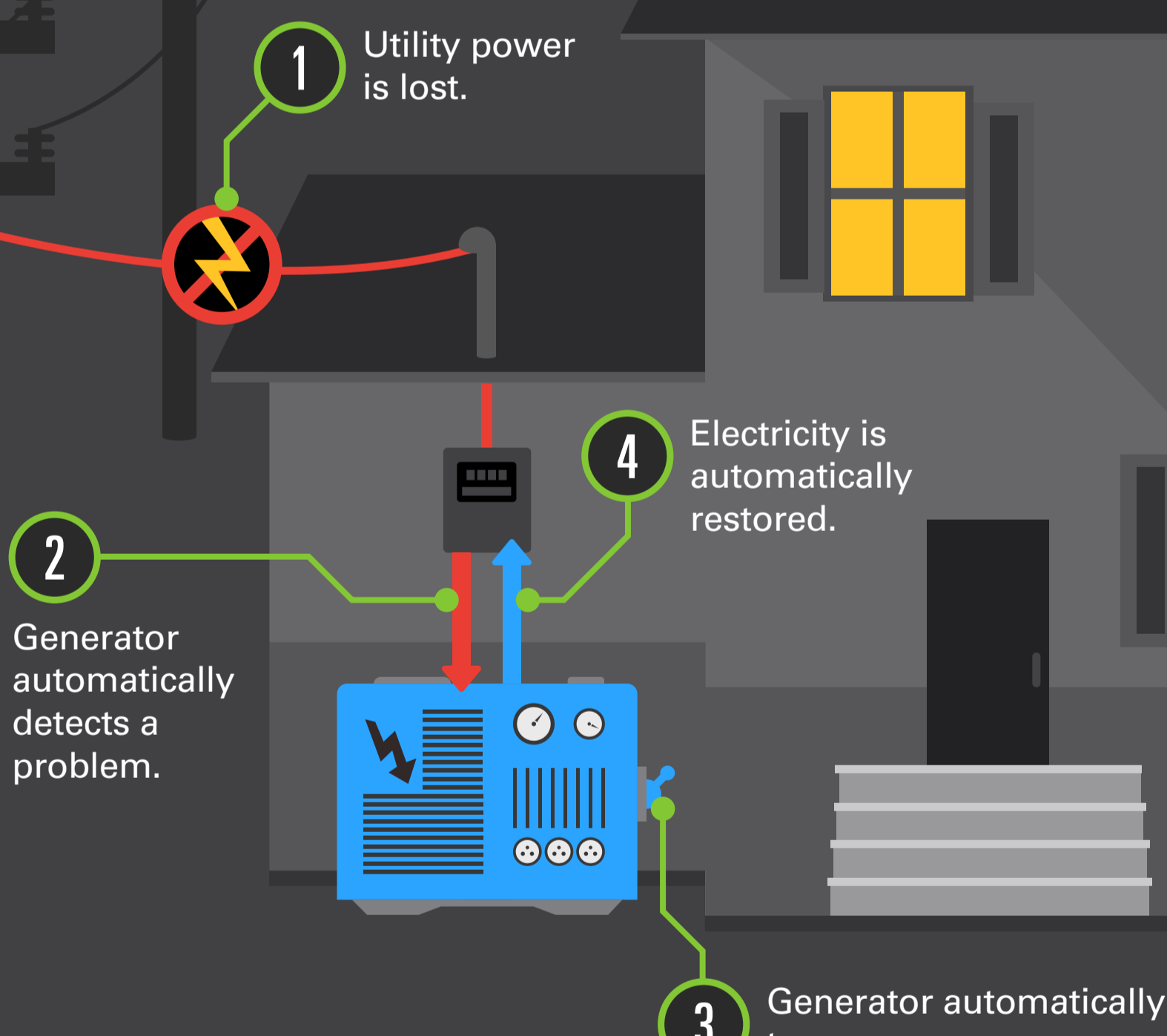
American households face approximately **\$150 billion** in power outage-related expenses each year.²

Around **50 percent** of all power outages are caused by **weather events**, with an average of 65 weather-related outages per year.³

BENEFITS OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS:

- Reduces food spoilage
- Keeps the security system running
- Preserves rental income
- Keeps phones, tablets, laptops and medical equipment charged
- Prevents freezing of interior plumbing
- Keeps the lights on and the furnace running
- Allows families to continue to use conveniences and entertainment

HOW EMERGENCY GENERATORS WORK:



HOW TO MAINTAIN AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR:⁴

- Run a brief self-test once a week to ensure everything is working properly. Verify the unit ran and has no alarms or warnings.
- Ensure that the generator is in auto mode, so it will automatically start.
- Make sure the unit is clean and free of debris, inside and outside the enclosure.
- Keep the battery terminals clean and tight.
- Have your unit serviced every six months by an authorized service technician.

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