



City of Palm Desert Special Event Guidelines Temporary Generators

A temporary generator permit is required for the temporary installation of electric generators at special events, commercial and industrial facilities to ensure that the electrical installation meets the safety requirements of the California Electrical and Fire Code. A temporary generator permit is only valid for 90 days from the date of permit issuance as allowed by the California Electrical Code for temporary wiring (CEC 590.3(b)). After 90 days, the generator shall either be removed, the installation permitted on a permanent basis using permanent wiring methods or the temporary permit renewed.

The following is required for a permit:

1. Approval from Planning Department (TUP)
2. Building and Safety Application completed
3. Site Plan showing:
 - Location of generators (20 ft. away from buildings)
 - One extinguisher per generator (20B:C)
 - Wires
 - Show enclosure from public. Generators shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure, or other approved means. CFC Section 3104.20
 - Note on site plan stating method of grounding
 - Verification/Approval for generator from AQMD:
Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP)
Call AQMD's PERP Hotline: 1-877-810-6995
 - Fire Department Inspection and fee is also required