

Tailgating Tips

Generating Excitement At Sporting Events

(NAPSA)—From August through March, sports enthusiasts everywhere can be found watching their favorite college football or basketball games at tailgating parties, picnics, campsites or at home.

Because most remote sports gatherings have become high-tech, the use of satellite TVs, microwave ovens, computers and even blenders to whip up party drinks is becoming more the norm than the exception. And the common denominator is power. Enter the portable generator.

Once reserved only for emergencies, the portable generator has become the real power behind today's tailgate parties. Manufacturers such as Honda Power Equipment are designing generators that are powerful, lightweight, fuel efficient and that provide clean power necessary for sensitive electronics.

“Choosing the right generator is easy: Just select the appliances you'll want to operate and match



Power to the people: A portable generator can add a lot to an outdoor tailgate party—or other special event.

the output of the generator to your needs,” says Tom Pernice, Marketing and Product Planning at Honda Power Equipment. (You can find a handy wattage calculator at www.honda.com.) “Look for a quiet generator that won't disturb other tailgaters.”

These tips will help you get the most out of your generator: Be sure to pack a power strip for plugging in multiple appliances, and because games can run into overtime, take along extra gas for the generator—stored in an approved safety container.

For the party itself, don't forget wet wipes for sticky hands, extra chairs for drop-in guests, personalized beverage containers so guests won't mix up their glasses or cups, and enough water to extinguish hot charcoal. Postgame, enjoy leftovers while you clean up and wait for the traffic to dissipate. Then plan for the next party.



Plugging in to the fun of a sporting event can be even more electrifying when you bring along a portable generator.