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## Generac EcoGen Premium Propane Generator Offers Green Alternative for Off-Grid Backup Power

**Waukesha, Wis., – October 13, 2010** – The leader in standby power generation, [Generac® Power Systems, Inc.](#), Waukesha, Wis., has introduced a one-of-a-kind standby generator designed to change off-grid standards for backup power generation.

Generac's new [EcoGen](#) generator (pictured right) is the first automatic standby generator that is warranted for off-grid use when used in an alternative energy system. Whether one is living off-grid by choice or as a requirement, EcoGen is an affordable, reliable, propane-fueled alternative to traditional standby and portable generators. It is an easy-to-use system with greatly reduced maintenance costs, and is quieter, cleaner and more fuel-efficient than other off-grid generator alternatives.



“The EcoGen Series is the greenest automatic standby power alternative on the market today,” said Cathy Olig, senior channel manager, Generac. “Previously, when renewable energy sources ran low, off-grid users either had to deal with an outage, pay for an expensive, loud, cumbersome and inefficient backup system, or waste time manually starting and stopping a portable generator. EcoGen is the first unit to offer a compact, quiet, and energy-efficient power solution for the off-grid customer.”

EcoGen works in conjunction with existing solar or wind power energy generation. When the power from these sources dips below an acceptable level, the inverter charger automatically signals the generator to start up. EcoGen runs on environmentally friendly propane, which is energy-efficient and already available in most off-grid

locations. The generator feeds AC power to the inverter, which recharges the battery back to a suitable power level, and automatically turns the generator off when it's no longer needed.

Additional features of the new Generac EcoGen Series include:

- Standby capacity of 6 kW at 120 V with 240 V conversion capability
- 3 year/2,000-hour limited warranty for off-grid applications using alternative energy
- Exclusive premium oil recovery and recirculation system for an unprecedented maintenance interval of 500 hours
- Operating life of up to 5,000 hours with proper maintenance
- Generac's V-Twin OHVI<sup>®</sup> industrial engine, the only engine developed specifically for generator use
- Easy integration with existing inverter technology for faster installation and more intelligent operation
- Ultra quiet—only 52 dB(A) under normal load
- Aesthetically pleasing weatherproof enclosure and sealed controller design

Generac has more than 50 years experience, focused primarily on designing and manufacturing high quality power generators. For more information on Generac's complete line of residential and commercial products, visit [www.Generac.com](http://www.Generac.com) or call 888-GENERAC.

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*Since 1959, Generac has been a leading manufacturer of backup power generation products serving residential, light commercial and industrial markets. Generac's power systems range in output from 800 watts to 9 megawatts and are available through a broad network of independent dealers, retailers and wholesalers. The company is a proud supporter of the Home Safety Council. Generac is committed to developing a long-term vision that promotes environmentally responsible products, processes and partnerships and strives to be a positive contributor of sustainable growth in the backup power generation industry. For more information on Generac and its extensive line of both portable and automatic generators, visit [www.GENERAC.com](http://www.GENERAC.com).*