# Standby Generator Allowable Locations

#### **Clearance from Structure**

Standby Generators are required to be 5 feet from any combustible building, except where the weatherproof enclosure is constructed of noncombustible materials and it has been demonstrated that a fire within the enclosure will not ignite combustible materials outside the enclosure, and then they may be placed at least 18 inches from the structure. The information about the enclosure is available from the manufacturer.

#### Clearance from Windows, Doors and Openings in the Building

All generators must be at least 5 feet from any window door or opening into the building. (This measurement is from any part of the generator)

### **Land Use (Zoning) Requirements**

Zoning and Construction permits are required for all generator installations.

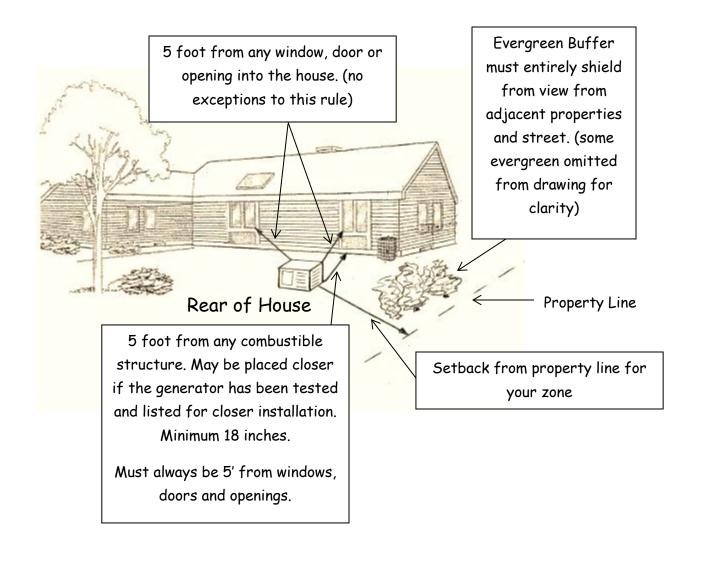
Generators must meet the required rear and side yard setbacks for the zone.

Generators are not permitted in the front yard area (corner lots have two front yards pursuant to Township Ordinance).

Generators must be entirely shielded from view by an existing or proposed *evergreen buffer*. Fences, pools, sheds etc. are not valid evergreen buffers. This buffer must be shown on the plan submitted and include type and size of trees. (see page 3 for sample plot plan)

If you are unable to immediately plant the required buffer upon installation due to cold weather, you must provide an approximate date (in writing when you submit your zoning permit) of when you intend to plant the buffer.

These rules are governed by the Township Ordinance and any deviation requires a Variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.



## **Sample Survey showing Generator Location and Screening**

