



FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Franklin Fire Department wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving Holiday. Please review these simple safety measures to insure a Safe and Healthy Holiday!

Home Safety

- Keep your family and overnight guests safe with a working smoke alarm on every level of the house, in each bedroom and in the halls adjacent to the bedrooms. Test smoke alarms monthly, and replace batteries at least once a year.
- Overnight guests should be instructed on your home's fire escape plan and designated meeting place for your family.

Cooking Safety

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, start with a clean stove and oven, keep a fire extinguisher nearby, and never leave the area unsupervised.
- Keep pot handles turned inward, away from the edge of the stove. Don't wear long, loose sleeves that can hang over the stove while cooking.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet). When smokers visit your home, ask them to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Remove tablecloths and placemats when toddlers are present. They can tug and pull on everything within their reach. Hot or heavy items can be easily pulled on top of them.

Turkey Fryers

- In general, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil.
- Turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures posing a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process that can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property including fires.
- In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible, and if it is heated beyond its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite. This is a fire danger separate from the burn danger inherent in the hot oil. Overheating can occur if temperature controls, which are designed to shut off the fryer if the oil overheats, are defective, or if the appliance has no temperature controls.

Holiday decorating & candles

- Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible materials, and do not use candles to decorate Christmas trees.

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- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot away from things that can catch fire, like clothing, books and curtains.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.

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