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Turkey Fryer Fires



According to State Farm, more cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year. In fact, grease and cooking related claims more than doubled on Thanksgiving Day compared to any other day in November. With the growing popularity of serving a fried turkey at Thanksgiving, people are at a greater risk for fryer-related fires and injuries.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reports that deep fryers result in more than \$15 million in property damage each year and that U.S Fire Departments are responding to over a 1,000 fires each year in which a deep fryer is involved. Also, keep in mind that hot oil splatter can cause serious burns to an adult and potentially life threatening injuries to a child. State Farm also compiled data and put together a list for the top 10 states for grease and cooking related claims on Thanksgiving Day, and Texas was number 1 on the list.

It is hard to beat the speed of deep-frying a turkey and that irresistible flavor and juiciness that results. If you are planning to deep-fry your bird for Thanksgiving, or any other day for that matter, make sure you know how to safely use the fryer to protect yourself, your guests and your home. Below are some tips from to help keep everyone safe:

- **Keep outdoor fryers off decks, out of garages, and a keep them a safe distance away from trees and other structures.**
- **Never leave a fryer unattended**
- **Place the fryer on a level surface and avoid moving it once it is in use, as many fryers tip over easily**
- **Leave a minimum of two feet between the tank and burner when using a propane powered fryer**
- **Follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid overfilling. Oil can ignite when it make contact with the burner**
- **Shut off the fuel source or flame when adding the turkey to the hot oil to prevent a flare up if oil spills over the rim. Once the turkey is submerged, turn the burner on**
- **Choose a smaller turkey for frying. A bird that is 8 to 10 pounds is best and skip the stuffing and avoid water based marinades**
- **Make sure the turkey is properly thawed before lowering it into the pot. Partially frozen turkeys lowered into the pot can cause flare ups**
- **Do not use ice or water to cool down or extinguish an oil/grease fire. Keep a fire extinguisher approved for cooking or grease fires nearby.**
- **Use well insulated pot holders when touching the lid or pot handles**
- **Watch the oil temperature closely, cooking oil that is heated beyond its smoke point can catch fire. If you notice the oil smoking, turn the fryer off**

Nothing beats the flavor and juiciness of a fried turkey. Make sure to follow these safety tips to make sure you will be able to enjoy your bird with the family.

During this time of **Thanksgiving**, the **Gerloff Company** expresses our many thanks to you all. Working with you all over the past 32 years has been a wonderful opportunity and we are grateful that you chose the Gerloff Company to help with your restoration projects. We would like to wish you and your family a **Happy Thanksgiving**. Until next time my friends, be prepared and stay safe.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SAMA Luncheon	2 IFMA Luncheon	3 ACA Luncheon	4 CAMO Event	5
6 -----Prima-----	7 -----Conference-----	8 CAI Luncheon Austin -----	9 AAFAME Luncheon	10 IREM Luncheon Austin BOMA Lunch	11	12
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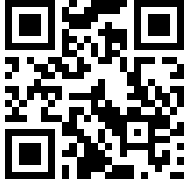
Events

- November 1: SAMA Luncheon
- November 2: IFMA Luncheon
- November 3: ACA Luncheon
- November 4: CAMO Event
- November 6-8: Prima Conference
- November 8: CAI Luncheon
- November 8: SACA Luncheon
- November 9: AAFAME Luncheon
- November 10: Austin BOMA Luncheon
- November 10: IREM Luncheon
- November 16: IIASA Luncheon
- November 16: SA BOMA Luncheon
- November 17: SAHLA Social

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