



THANKSGIVING SAFETY TIPS

Did you know that Thanksgiving is the most common day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment? Many of us have started new traditions, and love to eat fried turkey instead of the traditionally baked turkey. But, did you realize that turkey fryers are very dangerous, and can easily start a fire or cause serious injuries?



Here are some safety tips from the Kirksville Fire Department to help keep you safe from fire or injury this Thanksgiving:

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working; test them by pushing the test button.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and children should stay 3 feet away.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Turkey Fryer Safety
 - Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns.
 - Consider the size and weight of the turkey. Extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.
 - Hot oil may splash or spill during cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious burn injuries.
 - Turkey fryers can tip over or collapse causing hot oil to spill; using a solid base will reduce this risk.
 - Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.
 - Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors; never use them inside, or in a garage.
 - Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.
 - One might consider a new type of "oil-less turkey fryer" for those who prefer fried turkey.

We hope these tips will help keep you and your family safe. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

TRASH TOTE STORAGE

Since the implementation of household trash totes in 2010, trash totes could be placed curbside no sooner than noon the day before trash pickup, and were not allowed to be stored at curbside. We receive frequent calls from neighbors stating that trash totes are left at the curb for long periods of time and are an eyesore. On October 6th, the City Council passed an ordinance to clarify when the totes were allowed to be set at curbside for trash pickup. The trash tote can be placed at curbside no sooner than noon the day before pickup and must be returned to the house **by the end of the day following the actual day of pickup**. For example, if your trash picked up is on Monday, the tote can be set curbside at noon on Sunday and must be returned to the house by the end of the day Tuesday. If the tote is still present on Wednesday morning, it would be in violation of City Code. We ask that all residents comply with this requirement to help keep Kirksville's streets and properties attractive.



HAVE YOU READ YOUR WATER METER LATELY?



Just a friendly reminder to all City utility customers that at least once a year the owner of the property should read the water meter and compare that meter reading with the meter reading on the most recent bill. This will help ensure that the meters are continuing to function properly, and may save you, the resident/owner, money in the long run. The sooner an issue is caught, the less it will cost to correct the situation. Per City Code, if the reading is higher than the reading on the most recent bill by at least one thousand (1,000) cubic feet or two (2) times the average bill, whichever is greater, then the property owner shall contact the finance department. The property owner is responsible for any difference between the meter reading and the reading on the last bill. By working together, we can make sure any issues are caught early.

TIME FOR AN OIL CHANGE?

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS USED OIL

The Public Works Facility, located at 2001 N. Osteopathy, is accepting used oil. We ask that people limit the oil containers to no larger than 5-gallons in size, and the oil should be in an original oil container. The City's Central Garage recycles the used oil by using it in an oil burning furnace to heat our mechanic's shop.

If you would like to drop off your used oil, there is a designated drop off location along the south fence of the parking lot. The gates are open from 7am—4pm, Monday through Friday. If you have questions, please contact Public Works at 627-1291.



HOLIDAY FLIGHTS

The Kirksville Regional Airport staff would like to remind you that the holiday season is a busy time at Kirksville Regional Airport. Anyone who plans to travel during the holiday season should book their tickets now! Most flights through New Year's are booked by mid-November. This is especially important for college students to remember if planning to fly home for the Christmas break. Visit www.capeair.com or call 665-3057 today!

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS



In observance of Veteran's Day, all City Offices, including the Aquatic Center, will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th.

In observance of Thanksgiving, all City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th, and Friday, November 28th. The Kirksville Aquatic Center will be closed, Thursday, November 27th, through Saturday, November 29th. All offices will reopen Monday, December 1st, for regular business hours.



Happy Thanksgiving

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