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# TURKEY FRYERS (Don't fry a frozen turkey)!

## Turkey Deep Fryers

The NFPA and the Macomb Township Fire Department do NOT recommend using gas-fired fryers that cook with hot oil. However, if you are going to use one of these appliances to fry a turkey, it is important that you follow a few

guidelines to reduce the risk for a dangerous fire incident such as the one shown in this video [here](#).

1. NEVER attempt to fry a frozen turkey. Always thaw a turkey completely.

2. Place your turkey in the fryer and fill it with water to check for the proper level before filling it with oil.

3. Keep the fryer at least 20 feet from any structure.

## Safer alternatives to gas fueled turkey fryers

Several products are commercially available that can fry a turkey without the use of hot oil.

These fryers use an LP gas infrared burner set up. Not only are they

much safer, but clean-up is much easier and you can save significant money cooking without expensive oils.

Another option that you may want to consider still

uses oil, but instead of a gas-fired burner, they use an electrical system to heat the oil. Care should still be used with these, but they are safer than gas-fired appliances.



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## Cooking in the kitchen

**Thanksgiving is the peak day for cooking fires, with an average of 3 times as many fires as an average day!**

Don't be part of the statistic. Follow these guidelines:

Stay in the kitchen while cooking. Use extra caution when cooking with oils.

Keep children and pets away from lit candles

NEVER try to carry a cooking container that is on fire out of the home.

If you have a fire in the kitchen, get everyone outside and call 9-1-1.

If you have an oven fire, keep the oven door CLOSED and turn off the heat.

As always, test your smoke detectors to make sure they are working.

Keep kids and pets away from cooking appliances.

Keep combustibles away from cooking appliances.

Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Use only an approved extinguisher on SMALL grease fires. All extinguishers except "Class K" can make deep fry oil fires larger.

## Additional Information

Always stay prepared for any disaster. Learn more at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov)

Learn more about various health and vaccination programs offered by the [Macomb County Health Department](http://MacombCountyHealthDepartment).

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