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Safely Deep Frying Your Turkey this Thanksgiving

Hopewell, Virginia - With most of us preparing an array of home-cooked specialties on Thanksgiving Day, it is no surprise that there are more cooking fires on this holiday than any other day of the year. Deep frying has become a popular choice for preparing the Thanksgiving turkey, but this method has the potential for being more hazardous than roasting. Here are a few tips for deep frying your bird more safely:

- Be careful not to overfill the cooking pot with oil
- Fully defrost the turkey before placing in oil; for every five pounds of weight, the bird will need to defrost for 24 hours
- Keep turkey fryers away from buildings, garages, decks and other flammable materials
- Never leave a turkey fryer unattended
- Keep pets and children away from the cooking vessel
- Use insulated potholders or oven mitts for handling the pot and safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter
- Keep a fire extinguisher specifically made for grease fires nearby
- Have a phone handy in case you need to call for help

Additional holiday fire safety tips can be found here: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Thanksgiving>

Hopewell Fire & Rescue wishes you and yours a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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