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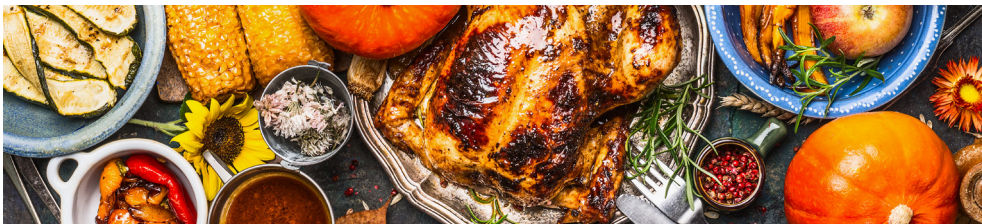
Tips for a Safe Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. Please think "Safety First" when preparing and enjoying your holiday meal.

Remember:

- The kitchen can be a hectic and crowded place while preparing the turkey dinner with all the trimmings, so try to keep the little ones busy with activities that keep them occupied outside of the kitchen or outdoor cooking areas. Let them be a part of the celebration by planning non-kitchen activities.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and call 911 if you need to use it.
- Turn all pot and pan handles away from the edge of the stove to prevent accidentally knocking one over.
- Clear all combustibles away from heat sources.
- Don't over fill your turkey fryers! Use water to determine the appropriate amount of oil to heat.
- Stay in the kitchen or outdoor cooking area while preparing the food to keep an eye on the food.

Remember, the Alamo Heights Fire Dept. will provide a free home safety inspection to any residents upon request! Let us be a part of your safe holiday by checking your home for any hazards before the big turkey dinner. Call the AH Fire Dept. 210-832-2241 to schedule an inspection to stay safe!



Holiday Package Precautions



With more people shopping on-line the delivery services will be very busy this shopping season delivering all those purchases right to your front door. If you anticipate your packages might be delivered during a time when someone will not be home to receive them it is a good idea to arrange for an alternate delivery method to avoid the opportunity for your packages to be stolen from your front porch. For more specific information about delivery options and associated fees, please go to the websites for package services.

Don't forget to insure your packages, especially those containing valuables. Remember, criminals seek opportunities and the holiday season only heightens those opportunities with easy availability to packages left unattended on the porch.

BRIEFS

Winter Water Averaging

A reminder that your water consumption during the winter months affects your residential sewer service fee for the next year.

- Residential sewer service fees are calculated based on the average water usage during three consecutive billing periods.
- [This year your November, December, January consumption will be used for your winter averaging.](#)
- For more information or questions, please call utility billing staff at 882-1507.

Get Ahead of Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Your furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months.
- Your chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional and you have checked for creosote build-up.
- Your portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off, plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- You have tested your smoke alarms and the carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they are working properly.

Home Safety Inspection - Can Find Unseen Hazards



The Alamo Heights Fire Department continues to promote the benefits of the free home safety inspection. Firefighters will complete a details checklist at your home to identify potential hazards and make recommendations to mitigate the hazards. Checking the lint trap and lint duct of your clothes dryer is just one of the fire safety issues the firefighters can address, using a special camera. The holiday season offers additional issues that can pose hazards to you and your family. Cooking big meals in a crowded kitchen, seasonal displays with candles nearby and holiday lighting are just a few issues to address to have a safe holiday season. The colder weather also poses increased risks with heating systems and the use of portable space heaters. Please visit our website, www.alamoheightsfire.com, to download safety flyers with important information. Please email Michael at mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov to schedule your home safety inspection and have a safe and happy holiday season.

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Welcome New Dispatcher



Meet our newest Communications Division Dispatcher Gina Saladino. Gina is originally from Huntsville, Alabama and has worked at several other Texas police departments before joining AHPD. Gina is working on her Criminal Justice Degree from UT Arlington and ultimately would like to become a Police Officer.

CITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 22	Architectural Review Board	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 24	City Holiday	Offices Closed*
Friday, Nov. 25	City Holiday	Offices Closed*
Monday, Nov. 28	City Council Meeting	Canceled

DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 5	Planning and Zoning	5:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 7	Board of Adjustment	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec 12	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

*No Solid Waste Pickup

