

Fry your turkey, not your house

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Watauga County Fire Marshal's assistant Paul Buchanan wants you to have a safe holiday.

If you're planning on frying your turkey, he's full of tips you should be thankful for.

"They're easily tipped over, spilling the hot oil within the cooking pot which will cause a big fire," he says. Overfilled fryers can do the same thing- so be careful.

Partially frozen turkeys have water in them- another fire hazard- so take care because water and grease don't mix well, Buchanan says.

Many fryers don't have thermostat controls and can quickly overheat, so take precautions. Buchanan also recommends against frying your turkey on a deck or in a garage- no matter how cold it is.

Make sure they're on a flat surface so they won't tip over- and always keep an eye out. Pets and kids are the number one way fryers tip over, Buchanan says.

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