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THANKSGIVING, THEN AND NOW

There is still some debate if turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving. In one of only two first-hand accounts from 1621 of the first Thanksgiving, William Bradford wrote that “there was a great store of wild turkeys” when he was recounting the plentiful food that was available to the Pilgrims at the time of the harvest festival. Regardless of the debate, today turkeys are enjoyed at Thanksgiving dinner throughout the United States.

In 1621 turkey was prepared by either boiling it in a stew or roasting it; both were done over an open fire. Today turkeys are cooked mostly by roasting in an electric oven or frying in oil. Frying in oil is often dangerous, therefore the oil-free electric turkey fryer has become quite popular. For the Pilgrims, gathering wood for fires cost countless hours of work but what would cooking a turkey on an electric appliance cost today? Well don't worry, we did the work for you:



ELECTRIC OVEN

Recommended cooking time for a 12 lb. turkey - approximately 3 hours at 350 degrees

Average wattage of an oven at 350 degrees - 2,000 watts or 2.0 kilowatts

Average kilowatt hour (kWh) cost for an Excelsior EMC residential member - \$0.1031

$2.0 \text{ kW} \times 3.0 \text{ hours} = 6.0 \text{ kilowatt hours} \times \$0.1031/\text{kWh} = \$0.62$ cost to cook the turkey

OIL-FREE ELECTRIC FRYER

Recommended cooking time for a 12 lb. turkey - 2 hours (10 min/lb.)

Average wattage of electric fryer - 1,600 watts or 1.6 kilowatts

Average kilowatt hour (kWh) cost for an Excelsior EMC residential member - \$0.1031

$1.6 \text{ kW} \times 2.0 \text{ hours} = 3.2 \text{ kilowatt hours} \times \$0.1031/\text{kWh} = \$0.33$ cost to cook the turkey

As you can see, had Excelsior EMC provided the Pilgrims the same low-cost reliable electricity our members enjoy today, they would surely have chosen to cook with electricity rather than over a fire! We at Excelsior EMC hope that you and your family enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.



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When your power goes off, don't stay in the dark longer than you have to. To restore your power as quickly as possible, we need your correct phone number. Your phone number is the quickest way for us to locate your home or business when you call to report an outage.

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Between the Lines

by
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Business as Usual

As the holiday season approaches, most families are planning elaborate dinners, trips to visit relatives, late-night shopping sprees and football-watching marathons, among other things.

However, there are several people in our local area preparing for just another day at work. These are the people who provide vital services for our community, everything from staffing our local hospitals, to answering 9-1-1 calls, to keeping our streets safe.

And of course, responding to power outages.

Unfortunately, outages don't take weekends or holidays off. They don't pay much attention to the time, nor do they care if dinner is on the table, or a big game is on TV. They happen when they happen, and our crews must respond when they do. That might mean leaving family functions early or missing the end of a movie. Getting our members' power flowing means getting their lives back to normal – the sooner the better.

In addition to the line crews who respond to outages, Excelsior EMC dispatchers are constantly monitoring our service area 24 hours a day, seven days a week – holidays, nights and weekends included.

Excelsior EMC has a proactive maintenance program that seeks to prevent outages. We manage vegetation growth around our power lines, and we build those power lines to rigorous standards of reliability. Despite all these efforts, though, some things like severe weather, vehicle accidents or animals damaging equipment are outside of our control.

What we can control is how much of an impact they have on our community and on our members. That means having crews on call, ready to respond at a moment's notice.

So, as you enjoy the special times ahead with your family and friends, we ask that you keep in mind all of those for whom it'll just be "business as usual." Please practice safety out on the roads, so that you don't tragically become the reason emergency personnel have to be on the scene of an accident during the holidays.

When you see one of those individuals who'll be at work on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's, remember to thank them for their commitment to serving this community.



Every Member Counts



USING A GENERATOR?

8 DANGEROUS MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE



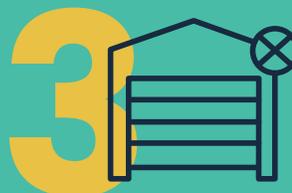
1 IN ENCLOSED SPACES

Always use it in a well-ventilated area.



2 NEAR WINDOWS OR DOORS

Place it at least 20 feet away from windows and doors.



3 IN A GARAGE

Even if the door is up, never use a generator in a garage.



4 IN THE ELEMENTS

Run it on a dry surface under a canopy-like structure (but not in a carport).



5 PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET

This can be deadly to you, family members, neighbors or utility workers.



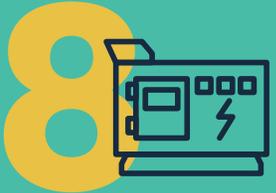
6 WITH THE WRONG EXTENSION CORD

Use a properly rated cord to plug appliances into a generator.



7 WITHOUT CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) TESTERS

CO detectors should be on every level of your home (test them monthly).



8 IN DISREPAIR

Make sure your generator is well-maintained and in good working order.



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In observance of Thanksgiving, Excelsior EMC offices will be closed:

**Thursday, November 25, 2021
and Friday, November 26, 2021**

Emergency personnel will be available
by calling our 24 hour dispatch
center at (912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123.



COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

**From our table to yours,
Happy Thanksgiving!**

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