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THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

-  **Historians have no record of turkey being eaten at the first Thanksgiving.**
The first feast happened in 1621. During which, the English settlers and Native Americans are believed to have been served ducks, geese and swans during the three day feast.
-  **Snoopy has made the most appearances in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.**
The Snoopy balloon debuted in 1968, and with a total of 7 balloons, appeared 39 times before being replaced in 2016 by Charlie Brown.
-  **President George H.W. Bush was the first to pardon a turkey.**
In 1989 the first turkey was pardoned after the 50-pound bird looked a little antsy. Since then, every president has upheld the tradition and a few lucky turkeys have gone on to participate in the annual Thanksgiving Day parades at Disney!

Source: HouseBeautiful.com "15 Thanksgiving Fun Facts You'll Want To Share On Turkey Day."

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Avalar!



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Upcoming Steiner Ranch HOA Events

- 10/27 Trunk Or Treat**
- 11/09 Holiday Shopping Event**
- 11/28 Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot**
- 12/06 Christmas movie at the Park**
- 12/07 Breakfast With Santa**
- 12/18 Holiday Decorating Contest**

Events are tentative & subject to change or cancel at any time. Events are planned by the Steiner Ranch Event Planning Committee, and are for Steiner Ranch residents in good standing with the association, and their guests only. Final approval to participate in any Steiner Ranch program or event is dependent upon HOA approval. For more information, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at: steiner@ciramail.com

For the most up to date information, follow us at: [Facebook.com/SteinerRanchHOAevents](https://www.facebook.com/SteinerRanchHOAevents) or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at:

www.steineranchhoa.org



Monthly HOA Community Meetings

STEINER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 6:00pm

STEINER RANCH RESIDENTIAL OWNERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets on the last Thursday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 6:00pm.

STEINER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Bella Mar Community Center at 7:00pm

TRAIL COMMITTEE

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Bella Mar Community Center at 6:30pm. The committee also holds monthly trail work days on the fourth Sunday of each month. Meet-up location and time varies monthly. If you are interested in lending a hand, visit the Steiner Ranch Trail Committee Facebook page for the most up to date information. You may also join their newsletter by subscribing at: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/steinertrails>

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Meets on 3rd Tuesday of each month at Towne Square HOA Office Conference Room.

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Cups and Cones at 9:30am.

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo was taken at last year's Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot event. This popular community event will be back this year and will take place on Thanksgiving morning at 8am. We hope you'll join your neighbors, bring your family, and your friends, to what is sure to be a great start to Thanksgiving Day. To register for the event, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-steiner-ranch-turkey-trot-tickets-72403249067>

Have a photo you would like to see published in the next Ranch Record? For consideration, send pictures to communications@steinerranchhoa.org no later than the 8th of the month prior to publication. Your photo might just be next month's cover!

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Ranch Record and/or other Steiner Ranch communications.

Your onsite HOA staff

September 1st, 2019 marked the one-year anniversary since the Steiner Ranch Associations have transitioned from being self-managed to GrandManors. GrandManors was chosen by the Steiner Ranch Master Association Board as the professional onsite management company. Such transition ensured the implementation of efficient integrated systems, processes and excellent onsite staff always ready to deliver exceptional service and making Steiner Ranch one of the best Master Planned Community in Central Texas.

The HOA staff listed below are onsite to serve our community:

- Melinda Schoch is the General Manager. She works closely with the BOD on the day today financial aspects for the community, she is also responsible for accelerating community enhancements and investments to meet homeowners' expectations. She works closely with the ACM/Operational Manager on the day to day operations.

- Sarah Dunlap is the Operations Manager and Assistant Community Manager. She is responsible for the daily operations related to the maintenance and upkeep of all common areas and amenities. Activities include the daily review of the facilities, responding to issues, ongoing preventative maintenance scheduling and gathering estimates for upgrades and improvements. Additional responsibilities include assisting the General Manager with preparations for BOD meetings and presenting bids to the BOD for approval.

- Desirre Ghebremicael is the Lifestyle and Communication Manager. She manages all Lifestyle services along with all community communications to include printed publications as well as online channels. She is responsible for creating memorable experiences for our homeowners while maintaining effective and regular communications to keep them up to date with the ultimate goals of cultivating a sense of belonging and ongoing pride in ownership within the community.

- Samantha Dominguez is the Architectural and Compliance Coordinator. She guides homeowners through the application process for modification requests. She ensures community standards are met and assists homeowners with questions or concerns regarding community standards.

- Cami Porter is the Front Office Coordinator. Her responsibilities include answering general resident questions and concerns, booking amenity reservations, and new resident registration. She ensures all residents and community records are organized and up-to-date at all times.

- Joseph Nieto and Conrado Prieto are the maintenance techs of the community and together as a team they tackle every single maintenance and custodial job necessary to maintain and uphold the common grounds of the community to its highest standards.

To reach any of the staff, please email them at steiner@ciramail.com as they look forward to exceptionally serving you and the community.



From left to right: Joseph Nieto, Sarah Dunlap, Samantha Dominguez, Melinda Schoch, Cami Porter, Desirre Ghebremicael and Conrado Prieto.

Green Waste pick-up happening in December



Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) will provide Steiner Ranch residents with a fall green waste collection pick-up (bagged leaves, brush, limbs and other yard waste) during the week of December 9th to December 13th, 2019.

To participate, residents may place up to 20 thirty gallon **paper** bags of green waste at their curb on their designated trash pick-up day during the week of green waste pick-up.

NOTE: Green Waste materials are composted and therefore must be bagged in **paper** bags. Plastic bags will not be picked up.

Bulky Waste & Bundle Pick-Ups: Residents may schedule free bulky waste and/or bundle pick-ups twice per year by calling TDS. Bundle pick-ups may include tree, shrub, and brush trimmings; newspapers or magazines securely tied together, not exceeding 4 feet in length or 40 pounds. Bulky waste pick-ups consist of large pick-up items such as sofas, refrigerators, water tanks, etc. Call TDS at 512-329-1752 to schedule individual pick-ups.

Reminder: Aside from scheduled green waste pick-ups and individually scheduled bulky waste/bundle pick-ups, TDS will not pick up items/bags left outside of trash containers, unless bags are tagged with TDS trash tags. Tags are available for purchase, by check, at the HOA office for \$2.50 per bag. Additional trash/recycle carts may also be ordered directly from TDS.

From the Association Office

Holiday Decorations

As you plan your outside decor for the upcoming holidays, please observe the following Steiner Ranch rule regarding holiday decorations on the exterior of your property:

Holiday decorations (excluding Christmas) may be put out up to fourteen (14) days in advance of the holiday in question. Decorations must be removed no later than seven (7) days after the holiday. Christmas decorations may be put out beginning November 1st and must be removed by January 15th.

Have a wonderful holiday season!



Fall Is A Good Time To Trim Trees

The Fire Department reports that there are low hanging branches which are preventing the fire truck from driving on the roads. The tree's canopy should be at least 13 to 14 feet up. Trees must be trimmed to allow for visibility of pedestrians, traffic and traffic signs.

If you have oak trees with branches over-hanging the street, please contact a professional tree trimming company now so that this can be remedied as soon possible. Residents are reminded to trim trees before February, as the risk of oak wilt infection is greatest from February through June.

Regardless of seasonality, residents are encouraged to follow proper pruning techniques. TexasOakWilt.org recommends the following:

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried.
- Pruning should be completed before February 1 or after June 30.

If uncertain about trimming, consult with a Texas oak wilt certified arborist, an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service, or visit texasoakwilt.org.



Thanksgiving week Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Trash & recycling pick-up during the week of Thanksgiving will be as follows:

If your regular trash pick-up day is on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday then your service will remain unchanged. If your regular trash pick-up day is, Thursday and Friday then your pick-up day will be moved to the following day: Thursday pick-up will shift to Friday and Friday pick-up will shift to Saturday

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What is Firewise?

The National Firewise Communities Program is a national program formed with the goal of making communities less vulnerable to wildfire. As the population of the United States has continued to explode over the past century, communities are increasingly being built adjacent to wildlands. Add to that the practice of fire suppression in the U.S. over the past century, which has increased the risk and intensity of wildfires. Firewise can help.

What makes a Firewise Community?

Steiner Ranch has been a Firewise Community since 2012. This means that Steiner Ranch has made a commitment to reducing the risk of wild- and home fires through education and mitigation efforts. The Firewise Committee offers homeowners house and greenbelt inspections, advising homeowners on how best to reduce their risk of losing their homes to wildfire. Prevention is key!

How can I help?

Steiner Ranch is a community of over 4,000 homes yet has a Firewise committee of only five members. The committee would like to see increased community participation in Firewise. More efforts are needed to educate the public as well as to inspire the community to act. Firewise can do more to protect and preserve Steiner Ranch in the event of a fire than an evacuation road ever could. Firewise works in partnership with Lake Travis Fire & Rescue and with the Balcones Canyonland Preserve. If you care about the safety of your home and community, Firewise would love your help.

Why Choose Firewise?

As Austin's Wildfire Division has stated in their public education campaigns, wildfire is not a matter of if but when. Wildfire is a fact of life in Central Texas, but there is much we can do to be prepared. To be part of the solution, or to request an inspection of your property to better know how to protect it from fire, email Sarah Doolittle, SRFirewise@gmail.com.



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Mark Your Calendars & Hold The Date For Your Favorite HOA Events

The Event Planning Committee works hard to plan and organize community events that appeal to our homeowners. Made up of a handful of volunteers, and under the direction of HOA Lifestyle and Communication Manager, Desirre Ghebremicael, these volunteers help build a sense of community and offer family-

friendly events to Steiner Ranch residents. The Committee meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Cups & Cones at 9:30am. Please attend a meeting and help them plan, join the Fun.

The committee is pleased to announce the following events for 2020:

1/18 - Mother & Son Event
2/08 - Father Daughter Dance
3/07 - Run the Ranch
3/07 - Camping on the Ranch
3/20 - Spring Scrap A Thon
4/04 - Spring Community Garage Sale
4/11 - Easter Egg Hunt
5/16 - Shred Day
7/04 - Decorate Your Ride/Independence Day Celebration
8/15 - Concert In The Park
9/12 - Fall Community Garage Sale
9/25 - Spring Scrap A Thon
10/25 - Trunk Or Treat + Pumpkin Patch

11/14 - Holiday Shopping Event
11/26 - Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot
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Holiday Shopping Event November 9th, 2019



Get in the holiday spirit at the annual Steiner Ranch Holiday Shopping event, taking place on November 9th at Towne Square from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Local artists, business owners, and craftsmen will be in attendance with unique items for everyone on your shopping list. No need to leave the neighborhood!

Following are the merchants who will be at this year's event:

- **Abby's Soaps**

Handmade soaps with designs such as garden fairies, flowers, hearts and honeycombs in a variety of colors and scents. Abby lives in Steiner Ranch and has special needs. She loves making these and is so proud of all her hard work.

- **Arbonne**

Health and Wellness via Skincare, Cosmetics, Nutrition, Haircare, Spa, Holiday line

- **Austin Curios**

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- **Believe Vacations, LLC**

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- **Color Street Nail**

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- **Creatives by Connie**

Artisan reclaimed wood signs, crosses, collegiate blocks. Custom fabric cork boards.

- **Crocheted Delights and More**

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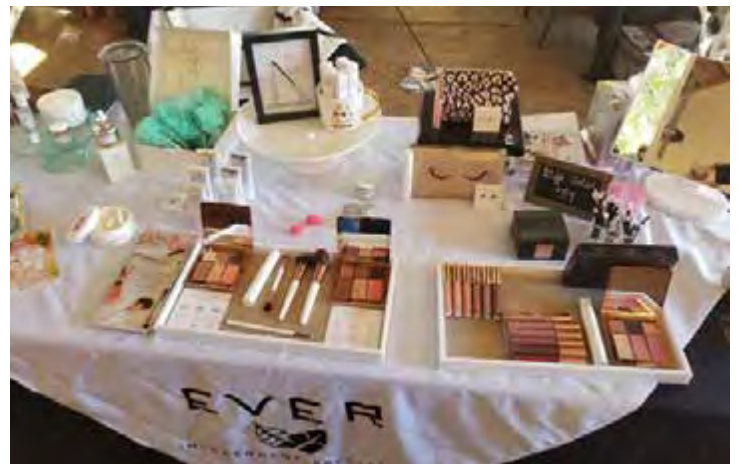
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Steiner Activities & Events

Steiner Ranch Friends & Family Turkey Trot A Great Way To Start Thanksgiving!



The Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee invites residents, their friends, and family to Steiner's 2019 Turkey Trot! The event will begin at 8:00am on Thanksgiving Day at Towne Square, and will feature a 5k and Kids Fun Run.

Register by visiting the HOA Events Facebook page or by visiting Eventbrite at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-steiner-ranch-turkey-trot-tickets-72403249067>

Your registration will support a great cause – all of the registration fees collected will be donated to Community First! Village; a 51-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness. A development of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, this transformative residential program exists to love and serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless.

Adult registration is \$10 online until the date prior the

event and \$20 onsite between 7:30 and 8am, children under 10 are free. Please note that this year to make sure that the event doesn't get delayed, onsite registration will take place only between 7:30am and 8am.

Much thanks to Austin Christian Fellowship for graciously co-sponsoring this neighborhood event with the Steiner Ranch HOA! Thank you to all the other sponsors that make the event a success.

We hope you'll join your neighbors, bring your family, and your friends, to what is sure to be a great start to Thanksgiving Day.



THANKSGIVING DAY

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Bring your own chairs and blankets and enjoy free Tiff Trear's cookies and coffee and hot chocolate!

Travis County Constables Pct. 2 will also be at the event roasting marshmallow and making s'mores, providing personal safety tips, while bringing awareness to crime prevention techniques in particular during the Holidays. They will also

be accepting toys donations for the memorial toy drive of Corporal Kevin Aigner.

Santa Claus Is Coming to Steiner Ranch!

This Year Santa will be visiting Steiner at the new HCBC building located at 4310 N Quinlan Park Rd, Austin, TX 78732 on December 7th from 9:30am to 11:30am for a morning of holiday cheer, catered breakfast, crafts, and pictures with Santa. There will be only one seating with 200 seats.

Get your tickets by visiting the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page or by visiting Eventbrite at the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakfast-with-santa-2019-930am-to-1130am-tickets-77528155801>

The Event Planning Committee looks forward to hosting this jovial event next month!



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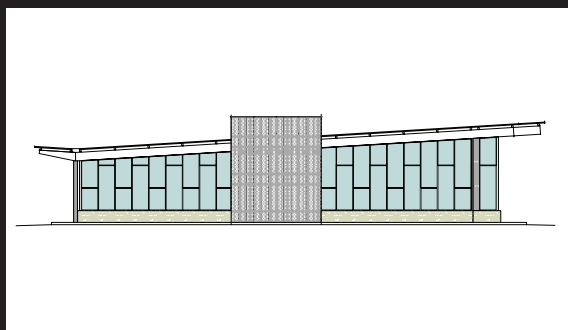


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Many of Steiner Ranch kiddos participated in last month's Trunk-Or-Treat and Pumpkin Patch event, organized by the HOA Event Planning Committee. Kids sported princess, super hero, emoji, pumpkin and zombie costumes, to name a few. Much thanks to the more than 40 businesses and organizations who supplied treats out of their trunks, and to the following businesses for sponsoring this delightful and spook-tacular event!

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Holiday Camps for Kids

Holiday Camps

The Steiner Ranch HOA has partnered with Sportball to offer several camp options during the Thanksgiving and December holiday breaks. Camps will take place at Towne Square Community Center and are designed to give kids the opportunity to have fun and make the most of their holiday break!

Sportball Camps

Sportball Camps are so much Fun! Basketball, Soccer, Baseball Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf, Hockey, Crafts and Snacks. Ages 3-9. From 9am to 1pm at the Towne Square Community Center. Register Today, Camps fill fast! For more info, visit: <https://www.sportball.us/austin/program-schedules/austin/>



Free Activities For Residents

Take advantage of these free activities - one of the many perks of living in Steiner Ranch!

Community Yoga: Provided by Steiner Ranch resident. Meets most Tuesdays or Wednesdays at the Towne Square Community Center at 7:00pm. See the HOA online calendar for classes.

Cycling Group: Meets at Cups & Cones Saturday & Sunday Mornings at 7:30am and 8:30am.

Mountain Biking: Meets Thursdays and Sundays for group rides at various locations. Beginner & intermediate riders. For information visit Steiner Ranch Riders on Facebook.

Tai Chi: Meets at Towne Square Community Center Monday through Friday at 8:15am.

Yoga By Lake Austin Spa: Provided by Lake Austin Spa instructor. Meets at Towne Square Community Center Mondays at 6:30pm.

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Send photos & address information no later than December 13th to: communications@steinerranchhoa.org, the judging will take place on December 18th.

The HOA Event Planning Committee will judge submitted homes and will award 3 winners with yard displays for their efforts!

Winners will be announced on our FB page in December. Good luck!

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Steiner Ranch Cycling News

SATURDAY & SUNDAY RIDES

Upcoming rides of interest in November, join a few of us for Tour Das Hugel 11/9 and/or Tour de Donut 11/10. Both are open to riders just showing up and no pre-sign up needed.

For SRC, ride route details are posted each week to our website at <http://www.steinerranchcycling.com>, Facebook page <http://facebook.com/SteinerRanchCycling> and to our email list (sign up on website).

We continue Saturdays with open group training rides, starting at Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM & 8:00 AM. Come out and join your neighbors on a ride.

- The "Faster Pace" ride can expect an energetic yet social ride with average speed typically 18-20 mph.

- Endurance Pace Group pace average is between 15-17 mph. The purpose of this group is to have fun and get a good fat burn workout. You can be new to cycling or just looking to get back into it. We are going to do our best to make this a NO DROP ride but you are expected to have some basic level of fitness.

Steiner Ranch Cycling is powered by Lakeside's awesome burgers,

breakfast tacos and refreshed by their beer. Join us there after the ride on Saturday mornings to refuel and recover!

On Sundays at 7:30 AM we host a mostly mellow ride to a local coffee shops outside Steiner. (rotating locations) The ride will average around 17 mph and should be perfect for those looking for an easier and more relaxed alternative to our Saturday rides.

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Our most popular activities include evening Canasta as well as ladies Canasta at the UT Golf Club. In addition, we offer numerous activities to meet varied interests such as: Book Club, Euchre, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, Bunco, Biking, Spanish Conversation, Card Making, Ladies CLEO Luncheons (Classy Ladies Eating Out), and our popular ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out). We also get together for happy hours, wine socials and dinner groups. We would love to have you join us!

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Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening at the 10th annual Viper Nation Gala scheduled for March 7th, 2020 at the Bob Bullock Museum raising funds for Viper Nation

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Swimming News



Red Giant Masters Swimming

Red Giants Masters Swim takes place right here in Steiner Ranch for residents 18+ years' old and who want to get more proficient in their swimming. Levels of swimmers range from beginner to advanced. Now through the end of the year, we will be working on FREESTYLE technique. Make your own goals, and we will help you get there. With a combined 55 years of swimming experience, our coaches are excited to work with you.

The swim schedule is as follows at Bella Mar Pool Year-round:

- Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 a.m. till 6:45 a.m.
- Sundays 6:30 a.m. till 7:45 a.m.

Cost is \$50 per month for residents and you will need to join U. S. Masters Swimming in order to be eligible to compete in masters' meets, receive the Swimmer magazine, and to satisfy the HOA insurance requirements.

To join, please visit the United States Masters swimming website, <http://www.usms.org/reg> and join our team Red Giants Masters Swimming under South Texas. Print your card and email a copy to program lead, Hollie Kenney at goldstarsswimming@gmail.com.

Contact Hollie Kenney at goldstarsswimming@gmail.com for any additional info.

This is a great way to meet new friends and be a part of a fun community of swimmers while reaping the long list of health benefits.

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We offer 6 different groups from the month of August to the end of April at the beautiful Bella Mar Community pool including Intro to Nitro (our beginner group at Nitro), Bronze, Silver, Advanced Silver, Gold, and Technique and Fitness.

Practice schedules vary by day, so please refer to our schedule online at:

<https://www.nitroswim.com/nitro-swim-team/resources/>

If you are interested in learning more about Nitro Swimming and/or would like your swimmer evaluated please contact Coach Claire at claire.rozick@nitroswim.com. Evaluations for the Steiner Ranch branch are available at the Bella Mar pool upon request. Swimmers must be residents of Steiner Ranch.

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Preventing The Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are flu antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent flu.

1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that

is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.



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Thanksgiving Trivia: Did You Know?



- Americans eat approximately 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
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- The average turkey served for Thanksgiving weighs 16 pounds.
- Campbell's Soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook over 50 years ago. Now, Campbell's sells about \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup, most likely purchased by folks making what has become a thanksgiving tradition- green bean casserole.
- Historians say turkey was not served at the first Thanksgiving dinner, a three-day meal shared between the pilgrims and Wampanoag tribe in 1621. Instead, venison and seafood are most likely what was eaten.
- The first Thanksgiving dinner was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! Forks weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.
- President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863, to be celebrated each year on the last Thursday of November.
- Benjamin Franklin said in a letter to his daughter in 1784 that he believed a turkey would be “a much more respectable Bird” for the young United States than the bald eagle. He said the turkey is “a true original native of America” and “a bird of courage.” Franklin's take on the national bird was not popular enough to displace the bald eagle.
- In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and thus the first TV dinner was born.
- Each year, the president of the United States pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The first turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. During this time the parade was accompanied not with oversized balloons of our favorite cartoon characters, but with live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo.



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3 Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe From a Home Fire This Winter

By MarLee Berry, texashillcountry.com/lifestyle



Parts of [Texas] are soon expected to experience their first real bout of cooler weather. While a cool front will eventually move on, the promise of colder temperatures might have you prepping your home for the winter months. However, an important aspect of winterizing your home that is often overlooked is being aware of the hazards that might lead to structure fires during this time of year.

The United States Fire Administration estimates 905 people are killed each year by winter home fires. Additionally, property losses of over \$2 million have been recorded due to homes burning during the colder months. Below are three tips from the administration that can help you keep your family safe this winter and for many winters to come.

1. BE AWARE OF PROPER PLACEMENT OF HEATERS AND FIRE SCREENS

One of the most basic ways to prevent house fires is to be aware of the objects nearest to your heating source. A few specific tips regarding space heaters and fireplaces are:

- Keep all flammable items at least three feet away from your

source of heat.

- It is hazardous to use extension cords to plug-in space heaters, always plug electric heaters directly into the wall.
- For added safety, only utilize heaters with automatic shut-offs, just in case yours accidentally tips over.
- When using a fireplace, always make sure there is a screen covering the opening. This ensures embers cannot land on flooring or furniture, thus leading to a structural blaze.

Sources of heat in the home are the second leading cause of family dwelling fires. In fact, 45,900 house fires were caused by a heat-related source between 2013 and 2015. Following the above steps will ensure your family stays warm, and safe, this winter.

2. USE CAUTION WHEN DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Whether it be a spooky jack-o'-lantern glowing in the dark or a beautiful pine tree with lights entwined around its branches, holiday decorations can be a great way to celebrate this time of year, but there are a few things to keep in mind as you gather your decor.

- Battery operated light sources are always preferable to candles if you want to illuminate a spooky pumpkin face.
- Extension cords should be replaced if they are showing any wear and tear such as cracks or exposed wires.
- If you do choose to use candles, keep them at least a foot away from flammable objects.
- When using a live Christmas tree, be sure to water it daily.

3. CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

A final step in protecting your family and home this winter involves something very simple; checking your smoke alarms to ensure they are in proper working condition. This elementary process can literally be the difference between life or death in the event of a house fire. The following information provides specific guidelines for smoke alarm use:

- Every floor of your home, from the basement to the attic, should have a smoke alarm.
- Alarms should be tested once a month to ensure they are functioning properly.
- If the alarms in your home are over 10 years old, they should be replaced with newer models.
- For the utmost safety, place alarms inside each sleeping area as well as the outer areas such as the living room and kitchen.

The use of smoke alarms has been shown to reduce your chances of dying in a house fire by 50 percent. When winterizing your home, do not forget this simple, but critical step.





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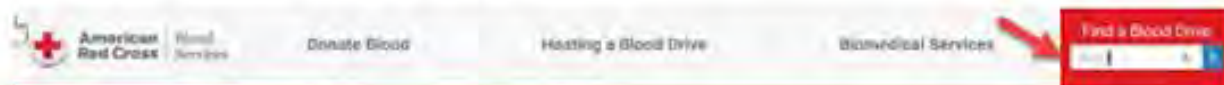
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