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Food Spills on Carpet: A Few Do's and Don'ts

You vacuum twice a week, like clockwork. You ask everyone to take their shoes off at the door, leave your muddy shoes on the garage stoop, and toss your throw rugs in the washer every weekend. You do your level best to keep dirt outside where it belongs and pollutants inside your home to a minimum.

But no family is perfect.

Despite your best efforts at keeping spaghetti in the kitchen and dirt in the garden, no matter how careful you are, sooner or later it will happen. Someone will spill food or drink onto your carpet. You may see it the second it happens, or you may not spot it until it has dried and set. Either way, you will panic. You will fear that your beautiful carpet is ruined forever.

And you will wonder what to do.

What you need to know is that whether a simple spill comes out or becomes a permanent stain depends just as much on what you don't do as what you do. Here are a few recommendations to help increase your chances of a successful stain treating outcome:

DO NOT rub or scrub the carpet with a towel or brush. This will distort the face yarns and cause permanent damage to the surface, which will only amplify the look of any stain.

DO pick up any chunks and then remove the excess liquid by gently blotting or scraping up as much of the spill as you can. If it is a liquid, such as coffee, wine or soda, use a white towel and blot up as much of the spill as possible. Keep blotting until your towel stops absorbing liquid.

DO NOT spread the spot. When scraping up thick spills, such as spaghetti sauce, work gently from the outside edges of the spot toward the middle. Scrape up as much as possible before using any spot cleaners.

DO call a reputable professional cleaning company as soon as possible. Experienced carpet cleaners will have a specialty spotter for just about any type of spill. In addition, they will have the equipment to promptly remove the stain and flush it with fresh water. Prompt professional attention is your best chance to remove spills without damaging the color or texture of your carpet.

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Easy Beginner's Turkey with Stuffing

Ingredients:

- 12 pounds whole turkey
- 1 (6 ounce) package dry bread stuffing mix
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 4 slices toasted white bread, torn into small pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Rinse turkey, remove giblets and place in a shallow roasting pan.
2. Prepare stuffing according to package directions. Mix in water.
3. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat, and slowly cook and stir the celery and onion until tender.
4. Mix celery, onion, and toasted bread pieces into the stuffing, and season with salt and pepper. Loosely scoop stuffing into the turkey body cavity and neck cavity. Rub the exterior of the turkey with vegetable oil.
5. Loosely cover turkey with aluminum foil, and roast 3 1/2 to 4 hours in the preheated oven, until the thickest part of the thigh reaches 180 degrees F (85 degrees C) and the interior of the stuffing reaches 165 degrees F (70 degrees C). Remove foil during the last half hour of cooking to brown the bird.

recipe courtesy allrecipes.com

Food Spills on Carpet (continued from cover)

DO NOT use cleaning agents from the grocery store. Most often, these products are low quality and ineffective. But even high quality products still need to be used carefully. A cleaning product must be carefully chosen for the type of spot and the kind of fabric that your carpet is made from. If you try to use the wrong product, or use it incorrectly, you may make the spill more difficult or

even impossible for even the most experienced professional to remove.

While nobody can guarantee that every spot and stain will come out, by following these tips you will make cleaning up spots and spills much easier. You will be more likely to remove the stain completely, leaving your carpet looking good and helping your carpet to look good for years to come.

Identifying Alzheimer's Before Symptoms

New tests to diagnose Alzheimer's disease are emerging, offering hope for new treatments and therapies.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, the memory disease is now the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and more than 5 million people are currently living with the disease. In fact, for seniors, a third of all deaths stem from either Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. Although there is no cure in sight, for now, every effort is being made to find a way to diagnose and treat this growing threat

According to The Wall Street Journal, there is support for a new approach to how Alzheimer's is identified in the population, and it could lead to dramatically earlier warnings of the disease and accelerate research. New approaches hope to discover the disease before symptoms ever present.

Like finding malignant cells in the body to find cancer or plaque buildup in the arteries for heart disease, the

presence of amyloid and tau proteins could be the key to early identification. Previously, doctors could only see these proteins during an autopsy, but improved technology has allowed for these markers to be seen in living patients. These scans are sometimes used to rule out Alzheimer's in patients with various cognitive issues. Critics of the method agree that the process works to identify amyloid proteins but argue that there is no definitive way to predict whether or not the patient will actually develop symptoms.

Another test involves recognition of smells. One of the first things to decline is the ability to smell, which is associated with the first cranial nerve, according to WebMD. Researchers have found the ability to smell differs between nostrils in Alzheimer's patients but it is still too early to say definitively if this will be a diagnostic tool for Alzheimer's.



Failure to recognize smells is a potential early warning sign of Alzheimer's.

Simple Food Safety Tips for Thanksgiving

- The best way to thaw a turkey is in a refrigerator, according to USDA recommendations. Allow 24 hours for each four to five pounds, in a refrigerator cooled to 40 degrees or below. Be sure to let the turkey thaw in a container so juices will not drip onto other foods.
- If you must thaw a turkey in cold water, be sure it is in a leak-proof bag. The turkey should be submerged in cold water. Allow 30 minutes per pound. Change the water frequently. USDA recommends every 30 minutes. Cook immediately when thawed.
- Cook turkey to 165 degrees in thickest part of the breast, inner thigh, and inner wing.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before touching any food.

Post-Thanksgiving Sleepies

It's about the gobbler, but not the one you might think.

It has become a truism: You get sleepy at Thanksgiving because of all that tryptophan in turkey. But is it true? Yes and no, but mostly no.

It is true that the amino acid tryptophan works as a precursor to other sleep-inducing chemicals. Turkey has lots of it. But cheese and nuts have more. Even Tofu-turkey has more, according to Wired.com.

In 1972 a psychiatrist named John Fernstrom looked into the tryptophan connection and found that tryptophan alone does not make you sleepy. Instead, he found that it's really a carb-heavy meal of mashed potatoes, pie, dressing, and bread. Those carbs create loads of sugar and force amino acids to go to work breaking it all down. With amino acids busy fighting sugars, the brain starts converting tryptophan into serotonin and suddenly you feel you



Use these safety tips when preparing turkey for the whole family.

- Do not store stuffing inside a turkey. Refrigerate it separately.
- Don't wash the turkey. According to the USDA, loosely attached bacteria can contaminate the kitchen when you wash meat or poultry. Studies have found bacteria cling to sinks, sponges and towels. Bacteria is effectively killed in the oven. The best idea is to take the turkey out of the package and put it straight into the pan.



Eating turkey is notorious for making you sleepy...or does it?

just can't watch another third and 10 on the game. Snores ensue.

It's not just the chemistry of the meal, however. The parasympathetic nervous system also has a role to play. This little brain gadget does things in the background so you don't think about them; like breathing. When you eat too much, you have to digest a lot. The parasympathetic nervous system kicks in to give the body energy to digest and takes away energy elsewhere. You feel tired and it's because you ate a really big carb-loaded meal. Too late to do anything about it. Just kick off your shoes and don't blame the turkey.

Community Events

Christmas Carousel-ABLwood Market

Convention Center 1100 N. 6th St., Abilene 325-677-1879, Junior League of Abilene 11/02/18 - 11/04/18 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5-General admission; \$3-Military, seniors 60+, first responders and teachers; Free-Children ages 12 and younger

Come shop in the glitz and glamour of ABLwood Market, featuring merchants who are ready to make your Christmas a showstopper! Plan to grab lunch at our delicious Tinseltown Café and concessions area.

Love/Sick

Hardin-Simmons University, Van Ellis Theatre 2410 Cedar St., Abilene 325-670-1405, Victoria Spangler 11/07/18 - 11/11/18 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7-10; 2 p.m., Oct. 11 \$5-\$15

A collection of nine slightly twisted and completely hilarious short plays. Set on a Friday night in an alternate suburban reality, this 80-minute romp explores the pains and joys of being in love.

ABWA Christmas In November

Abilene Convention Center 1100 N. 6th St., Abilene 11/09/18 - 11/11/18 Fri., 5 - 9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun., Noon - 5 p.m. Free

Arts, crafts, gifts, and prizes.

Cancer Services Network Run

Together 5K/1 Mile

Frontier Texas! 625 N. 1st St., Abilene 325-672-0040, Cancer Services Network 11/17/18 - 11/17/18 9 to 11 a.m. TBA

Honor those who have survived cancer, walk in memory of someone who fought a courageous fight, encourage those who are in the midst of their battle with cancer, and provide a fun time for avid runners and friends of Cancer Services Network.

Taylor County Veterans Day Parade

Downtown Abilene Pine and Cypress, Abilene 325-677-6515, Jennifer Lenches 11/10/18 - 11/10/18 11 a.m. Free

Join this community wide event to honor, celebrate, and thank our veterans. Parade will feature special honor to the Gulf Wars veterans. This year Abilene Community Band will play patriotic music and kick off the parade with the National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.

30th Annual City Sidewalks and Fox15 Christmas Parade

Historic Downtown 325-676-2556, Abilene CVB 11/26/18 - 12/01/18 City Sidewalks: 5 - 8 p.m. Parade: 6:30 p.m. Tree lighting: 7:30 p.m. Free

You'll feel at home for the holidays when you discover the charm of Christmas in downtown Abilene in the 30th Annual City Sidewalks celebration. Merchants, museums and galleries will open their decorated doors for a full week of holiday cheer, fun activities and shopping. Highlights include a parade of lights, lighting of a 47-foot Christmas tree, musical performances and free goodies. Organized through the dynamic teamwork of the Abilene Downtown Association.



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