

Thanksgiving is leading day of the year for U.S. home cooking fires

PRESS RELEASE

An estimated 1,446 home cooking fires were reported to U.S. fire departments on Thanksgiving Day in 2023, reflecting a 388 percent increase over the daily average, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®). Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranked as the second- and third-leading days of the year for home cooking fires.

“Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, and along with guests, entertaining, and other distractions, it can be easy to lose sight of what’s on the stove or in the oven,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “With all these factors at play, it’s no surprise that we consistently see a dramatic spike

in home cooking fires on Thanksgiving.”

On annual average between 2019 and 2023, cooking accounted for the majority of U.S. home fires on Thanksgiving Day (80 percent) and 40 percent of the civilian injuries; no civilian deaths were reported. Overall, cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in home cooking fires and fire deaths.

"Keeping a close eye on what's cooking and minimizing the likelihood of getting distracted can greatly reduce the risk of cooking fires," said Carli. "As simple as these preventative measures may sound, they truly can help ensure that everyone enjoys a festive, fire-free holiday."

Following are additional tips and

recommendations from NFPA to help everyone cook safely on Thanksgiving:

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially those that involve frying or sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.
- When cooking a turkey, remain at home and check it regularly.
- Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.
- Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.
- Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in contact with a heat source.
- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If a small grease fire starts, smother the flames by sliding the

lid over the pan, then turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again.

For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you’re confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Hot foods and liquids should be placed away from table and counter edges.

In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.

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US Mint pressed the final penny last week as the 1-cent coin gets canceled

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Back in 1793, a penny could get you a biscuit, a candle or a piece of candy. These days, many sit in drawers or glass jars and are basically cast aside or collected as lucky keepsakes.

But their luck is about to run out.

The U.S. Mint in Philadelphia struck its last circulating penny on Nov. 12 as the president has canceled the 1-cent coin as the cost of making them became more than their value.

President Donald Trump has ordered its demise as costs climb to nearly 4 cents per penny and the 1-cent valuation becomes somewhat obsolete.

The U.S. Mint has been making pennies in Philadelphia, the nation’s birthplace, since 1793, a year after Congress passed the Coinage Act. Today, there are billions of them in circulation, but they are rarely essential for financial transactions in the modern economy or the digital age.

“For far too long the United States has minted pennies which literally cost us more than 2 cents,” Trump wrote in an online post in February, as costs continued to climb. “This is so wasteful!”

Still, many people have a nostalgia for them, seeing them as lucky or fun to collect. And some retailers have voiced concerns in recent weeks as supplies ran low and the last production neared. They said the phase-out was abrupt and came with no guidance from the federal government on how to handle customer transactions.

Some rounded prices down to avoid shortchanging people, others pleaded with customers to bring exact change and the more creative among



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them gave out prizes, such as a free drink, in exchange for a pile of pennies.

“We have been advocating abolition of the penny for 30 years. But this is not the way we wanted it to go,” Jeff Lenard of the National Association of Convenience Stores said last month.

Some banks, meanwhile, began rationing supplies, a somewhat paradoxical result of the effort to address what many see as a glut of the coins. Over the last century, about half of the coins made at U.S. Mints in Philadelphia and Denver have been pennies.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Treasurer Brandon Beach were expected to be in Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon for the final production run. The

Treasury Department expects to save \$56 million per year on materials by ceasing to make them.

But they still have a better production-cost-to-value ratio than the nickel, which costs nearly 14 cents to make. The diminutive dime, by comparison, costs less than 6 cents to produce and the quarter nearly 15 cents.

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- Collection is to be provided to all residents within the city limits of Taylorsville (the current customer base is approximately 664)
- Single-family dwellings, unit or single-family apartments units, and businesses Requiring residential collection is to be provided.
- Items and amounts of garbage to be collected must be detailed
- Ability to accommodate "suitable" personal containers shall be addressed.
- The day(s) of the week that collection is to occur must be specified.
- Service deviation for holidays must be specified.
- A proposal for the periodic collection of special items is required.
- Collection of 13 Public Garbage Cans is to be provided.
- Recycling proposals will be accepted for consideration.
- The proposal should be based on a per customer monthly rate.
- Billing and collection will be maintained by the city through the residents' water bill, with monthly payments made to the contractor.
- Certificates of insurance describing all insurance coverage must be provided.
- The terms of the contract shall be identified with an effective date of January 1, 2026.

Sealed bids will be received at the Taylorsville City Hall, 70 Taylorsville Road, Taylorsville, Kentucky 40071, until 12:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, December 9, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened and read Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 40 Taylorsville Road, Taylorsville, Kentucky 40071. Questions regarding the bid should be directed to Marcia Finley, City Clerk at (502)477-3235, ext. 106 or via email at mfinley@taylorsvillewater.org.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

BBB sees employment scams surge in October

PRESS RELEASE

BBB serving Greater Kentucky and South Central Indiana warns that with the cooling job market comes a rise in employment scams. Decreasing hiring rates and recent layoffs mean more people are job searching, and scammers are taking advantage.

Of the scam reports BBB received in October, the majority identified a scam company operating under the names Northflow Freight and Northflow Couriers. Victims were contacted about fake shipping, freight, and courier jobs through job listing sites like Indeed.com. In these instances, scammers sent fake onboarding paperwork, requested the victims' personal and banking information, and even asked victims to buy materials for their new "jobs." Some victims were tricked into handling or reshipping packages as part of a fake job training.

Other reports listed a scam business operating under the name Techcycle. Victims were offered work-from-home and technical support jobs, only to find the job offerings were fake. As with Northflow Freight, victims were asked to supply personal information and to purchase work equipment. Victims were typically contacted by email or phone calls.

It is important to remember that there are no legitimate work opportunities that involve receiving packages and shipping them to a new address from your home. There are steps you can take to protect yourself from employment scams:

- If you come across a reshipping job listing (also sometimes listed as "package

handler" or "package inspector"), report the suspected scam to the United States Postal Inspection Service (www.uspis.gov) and to BBB's Scam Tracker (<https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker>).

- Research the hiring company as well as the person who contacted you. Review company profiles at [bbb.org](https://www.bbb.org).
- Guard your personal banking information. Never give sensitive information to someone you aren't sure you can trust.
- Watch out for overpayment scams.

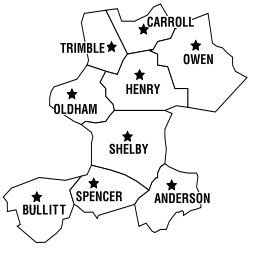
These involve scammers sending fake checks with extra funds, then asking the victim to deposit the check and return the excess amount. The checks are fake, leaving the victim on the hook with their bank.

- Don't fall for job offers that seem too good to be true. If you're offered a job without a formal interview that has excellent pay and benefits, it's likely a scam.

For more information or to file a scam report, contact BBB at (800) 388-2222 or visit [bbb.org](https://www.bbb.org).

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