



Thanksgiving Meals

Target
Thanksgiving Meal \$5 Less
Than Last Year, Serving Four
People for \$20

Walmart
Holiday meal musts, for under
\$7/person. Get ingredients to
make dinner for 8

FEED SALEM
Food Assistance
November 23, 2024 - 8:30am
Feed Sale - 1268 Broadway
St NE Salem
(See details next page)

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Bring it Back !
Thanksgiving as a three day festival

Thanksgiving is widely regarded as America’s own holiday, deeply rooted in the blend of Indigenous traditions, European customs, and early colonial history. While we know it today for family, food, and gratitude, Thanksgiving’s story reaches back before the United States was born, woven from indigenous harvest celebrations, European thanksgivings, and the resourcefulness of early settlers.

Early Harvest Celebrations

Thanksgiving’s roots lie in harvest festivals held by Indigenous peoples across North America long before European settlers arrived. These gatherings honored the earth's abundance with feasting, dance, and ceremonies, giving thanks for the harvest. When English settlers arrived in the early 17th century, they brought their own traditions, holding thanksgiving observances for blessings like the safe arrival of ships or the end of droughts.



The “first Thanksgiving” celebrated in popular lore took place in 1621 when the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony shared a three-day feast to mark their first successful harvest. They invited members of the Wampanoag tribe, who had helped them through their first harsh winter. While this event is often romanticized as a peaceful gathering, relationships between settlers and Indigenous peoples were complex, frequently marked by tension and conflict.

From Observance to National Holiday



Thanksgiving evolved over the years, initially celebrated sporadically by individual colonies and later states. In 1789, George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving proclamation, but it was not yet a holiday.

By the 1800s, Sarah Josepha Hale, a prominent writer, tirelessly advocated for Thanksgiving to become a national day of unity. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln finally proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday, marking the last Thursday in November as a day to give thanks and foster unity.

Today, Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday in November, a date set by Congress in 1941. Modern celebrations center on gathering with





Things for the Holiday Calendar

Aumsville

78th Annual Turkey Shoot -
Bingo Night - Nov. 23rd,
7pm-10pm or out of Turkeys
490 Church Street

Aumsville - PD Christmas Toy Drive

Nov 4th - Dec. 16th
Family applying, come to
Aumsville Police Department
counter to pick up application

Magic Lights

See details on this page

Holiday Village

See details on this page

Silverton

Farmers Market every Saturday
Winter Location
Indoor/Outdoor
10am to 12:30pm
Friends Church
229 Eureka Ave, Silverton

Center50+

FREE FOR VETERANS
\$5 FOR GUESTS

NOON

VETERANS DAY

LUNCHEON

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

MENU: HAM, POTATOES,
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family, sharing a traditional meal, and reflecting on gratitude. While the table often includes turkey, stuffing, and other iconic dishes, it's also a moment to acknowledge our holiday's complex origins and honor Indigenous perspectives.

Thanksgiving is uniquely our holiday – celebrate us! It's a day to come together, to be united in gratitude as Americans, transcending cultural and religious backgrounds. In the spirit of that first three-day feast in 1621, maybe it's time to bring back Thanksgiving as a multi-day celebration. After all, who says we shouldn't enjoy the food, family, friend and fun for three whole days?



As winter settles in, it's time to get our homes ready to face the chill while staying cozy and safe. Here's your ultimate checklist for a warm and worry-free season:

Disconnect Hoses from Hose Bibs

Leaving hoses attached to outdoor faucets (hose bibs) can lead to freezing and potentially burst pipes. Be sure to remove all hoses and drain any remaining water. This small action can help prevent costly repairs and water damage.

Use Wall and Baseboard Heaters Safely

Our properties are equipped with wall and baseboard heaters designed to keep you warm all season. Make sure to keep these areas clear of furniture, curtains, and other items to allow heat to circulate effectively. Avoid using alternative heat sources like propane indoors, as they pose a safety risk.

Prepare for Possible Power Outages

Winter weather can sometimes lead to power outages. Keep extra blankets, flashlights, and batteries on hand. Charge your devices and stock up on non-perishable food and water for emergencies. For more winter tips or questions about preparing your home for the season, reach out to our residence services team. Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy the winter wonders!

We know that life has many different seasons, and sometimes you have the means to bless your neighbor, and sometimes you get to be the one blessed. If you need assistance with food this Thanksgiving season, then we are here to help.

Feed Salem is our food pantry, which is regularly open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. However, on November 23rd, we will be having a Thanksgiving-themed distribution. We begin handing out intake numbers at 8:30 am, and the doors are open from 10 am to noon. Our Feed Salem Warehouse is located at 1268 Broadway St NE, Salem, OR 97301.

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