

Technology Tips for Thanksgiving 2017

- 1) Whether you are hosting Thanksgiving for the 20th time or the first, cooking and meal planning apps can make this year run smoothly. From timers to recipes, from grocery lists to emergency turkey advice, your phone can be your one-stop for information. Try apps like Anylist to organize and Butterball Cookbook Plus for turkey tips.
- 2) When you are ready to throw that turkey in the oven, use a wireless thermometer. No more dry turkey, no more opening the oven fifteen times to check the temperature!
- 3) When family comes over, why not take some pre-meal photos? This would be a good way to capture current pictures of everyone (and who knows, maybe make a photo book for mom for Christmas?).
- 4) While everyone is waiting on dinner to be served, why not teach your uncle the wonders of Snapchat? Or show grandma how to limit spam emails? Or if you're the one with technology struggles, ask your teenage niece for help. You'll probably learn more than you ever wanted to.
- 5) The turkey is ready, and you've been elected to carve it. No worries, use that electric knife that only gets used twice a year. It will make short work of a sometimes-frustrating process.
- 6) While everyone is seated together, Facetime Aunt Sally in Denver or your cousin Steve in Hawaii. They may not be able to join you for dinner, but a tradition of including out of town friends and relatives during the prayer or thanks-giving is a wonderful way to show your love during the holiday.

Bonus after Thanksgiving tip:

Skip the crowds and the lines and shop holiday deals online!