

## **Thanksgiving Heating Instructions**

Preheat Oven to 325° for whole turkey; 350° for other Entrees and Sides (Adjust time for other entrees and sides if at lower temperature)

Ovens vary in power and temperature; all times are approximate and depend on individual appliance, amount being heated at once and frequency of oven opening.

\*\*\*Large White Containers are not to be used for reheating; foil pans have been included.

## **Entrees:**

Whole Turkey: PREHEAT OVEN TO 325°. For best results take out of refrigerator 45 minutes prior to heating. Remove plastic wrapping (pink juices in the bag occur naturally from roasting; the turkey has been fully cooked) and place in oven safe roasting pan (included). Plastic leg holder can be left in place during reheating; remove before serving. Pour a small amount of provided broth or water over turkey and tent loosely with foil. Heat for approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours for a 12 to 16-pound turkey. Internal temperature should reach at least 140°; test with thermometer periodically. Baste with pan juices every 15 minutes. To brown, uncover during last 20 minutes.

**Turkey Breast:** Remove plastic wrapping and follow above instructions, reducing time in oven to 20 to 30 minutes for a 2 ½ pound breast or until internal temperature reaches at least 140°.

**No-Turkey Turkey & Stuffed Acorn Squash:** Preheat oven to 350°. For best results remove from refrigerator 20 minutes prior to heating. Remove from plastic tray, spray or oil baking pan and place product in middle. Cover with foil and heat approximately 15 minutes. Uncover and continue heating: For No Turkey Turkey until lightly browned and internal temperature reaches 165°; an additional 15-20 minutes. For Stuffed Squash until internal temperature reaches 165°; an additional 10 minutes.

**Lasagna:** *Preheat oven to 350* °. Place prepared lasagna on cookie tray to help support pan and keep sauce from bubbling over into oven. Heat for about 1 hour or until internal temperature reaches 165°. If lasagna starts to brown during heating, cover loosely with foil and rotate.

## Sides & Baked Goods:

**Soup & Gravy:** Stove: over low heat, stirring occasionally. *Microwave:* place in a microwave safe container and heat to 165° (let sit for a moment before stirring).

**Stuffing, Sweet Potato Bake, Candied Yams & Mashed Potatoes:** Let sit at room temperature for about 30 minutes. **Small Containers**: *Microwave*: Remove lid; remove sealing plastic and heat for approximately 1-2 minutes *per pound*. *Oven: Preheat oven to 350*°. Remove product to oven safe container. Cover with foil and heat for 20 minutes. Uncover for an additional 15 minutes, stirring and adding a bit of stock to moisten if desired. **Large White Containers:** *switch product to foil pans for oven; microwave safe container for microwave; follow above guidelines*. **Mashed Potatoes** can also be heated on the stovetop using a heavy bottomed pan and medium heat, adding milk or cream and stirring frequently to prevent scorching]. Heat all items to at least 165°.

**Green Beans, Brussels Sprouts, Broccoli, Corn & Squash:** *Small Containers: Microwave:* Remove lid; remove sealing plastic and heat for approximately 1-2 minutes per pound. *Oven: Preheat oven to 350* °. Remove product to oven safe container. Add 3 tablespoons of water, cover with foil and heat for about 20 minutes. *Stovetop:* add 3 tablespoons liquid to pan and use medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes, stirring regularly. Heat all items until at least 165°. *Large White Containers: switch product to foil pans for oven; microwave safe container for microwave; follow above guidelines.* 

**Apple Pie:** Preheat oven to 350°. Place on cookie tray to help support pan and keep juices from bubbling over into oven. Heat for approximately 10-20 minutes until desired degree of warmth is reached.

**Rolls & Biscuits:** *Preheat oven to 350* °. Place on cookie tray with space between each for more even warming. Heat for approximately 5-8 minutes until desired degree of warmth is reached.

**Limited oven space?** Fit one or two of the denser items (Lasagna, Stuffing, Potatoes) in with the turkey after an hour. Heat for 35 minutes or until 165°. Move to your warming drawer or a chafing rack to hold temperature. Replace with less dense items while the turkey finishes reheating.

Remember: a crowded oven and multiple door openings increase reheating times so plan ahead!