

Gobble Gobble, Thanksgiving is here!!

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Emergency Lighting Testing



Every commercial building needs emergency lighting. This allows people to be able to see well enough to get to an exit in case the building experiences a power outage. An emergency light is a battery-backed lighting device. There are many different types of these fixtures; they could be an exit sign, an exit sign with lights, just lights, or built into a light fixture themselves.

Emergency lighting should have a 30 minute test performed every month and a 90 minute test performed annually. During these tests, the electrician must turn off power and allow the emergency lights to come on. He keeps the power turned off for 30 or 90 minutes (depending on the test) to ensure that the emergency lights stay on for the duration of the test.

The building needs to keep a record on hand of when these tests are completed for the Fire Marshal when he comes to inspect. If the Fire Marshal arrives and finds that the emergency lighting is not working correctly, the store could receive a hefty fine. In the case that they are not working correctly, the store would need to have a licensed electrician come out to bring the store up to code.

Recently, a local Fire Marshal did his annual inspections at the mall. We were called to site to change emergency lighting, label breaker panels, and make sure the other electrical violations were brought back to code.

Avoid the hefty fine and scrambling to get your lighting fixed—call today to have us come out and perform tests!

If you would like to learn more about the Fire Code, please reference NFPA101.



Daylight Savings ends on Sunday November 5th!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Northstar is thankful to be able to celebrate another year with our customers, vendors and employees.

Mini Pumpkin Pies - Pumpkin Pie Pops

As the weather begins to get even colder, it is a great time to get back into the kitchen to do some baking. Not only is it fun but it helps with the heating bills!

Here is our twist on a Pumpkin Pie... PUMPKIN PIE POPS

Ingredients

- For the Mini Pumpkin Pies:**
- 2 Deep Dish Frozen Pie Crusts (9 inch)
 - ½ cup Pumpkin Puree
 - ¼ cup Brown Sugar
 - 1 Tablespoon Maple Syrup
 - ¼ teaspoon Pumpkin Pie Spice
 - 1 Egg, beaten
 - 6" Lollipop Sticks (optional)



Instructions

- For the Mini Pumpkin Pies:**
- Defrost the frozen pie crusts on the counter for one hour.
 - Remove from the pie tins and roll flat with a rolling pin. Use a pumpkin cookie cutter to cut out the pumpkin shapes.
 - Preheat the oven to 350F.
 - Combine the pumpkin puree, brown sugar, maple syrup and pumpkin pie spice in a small bowl and mix well.
 - On a parchment lined baking sheet or a silicone baking mat, set out half of the pumpkin shapes.
 - Brush the beaten egg over top of each of the entire pumpkin shapes.
 - Gently press the lollipop stick into the pie dough, making sure it's indented slightly into the dough. There should be at least 1 inch of lollipop stick pressed into the dough.
 - Add a small spoonful of pumpkin mixture to the center of the shape, over the lollipop stick, being sure to leave at least half an inch of space around the outer edges of the pumpkin shape to seal it closed.

- Line up the other half of the pumpkin shapes on top of the bottom pumpkin shape and the pumpkin mixture. Press the edges closed slightly with your fingers.
- Using a fork, press around the edges of the pumpkin shape to seal it completely.
- Brush the top of the pumpkins with the beaten egg.
- Bake at 350F for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown. (I baked mine for 23 minutes).

For the Glaze:

- Combine the icing sugar and vanilla extract in a small bowl.
- Add the maple syrup, 1 Tablespoon at a time until you have a slightly runny glaze. (I used 3 Tablespoons of maple syrup, but you might need slightly more or less).
- Pour the glaze into a zip lock bag, seal it closed, then cut off a small corner of the bag.
- Gently squeeze the glaze over the mini pumpkin pies.

You can find this receipt with more detail at <http://onelittleproject.com/mini-pumpkin-pie-pops/>

"November comes and November goes,
With the last red berries and the first white snows.

With night coming early and dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.

The fires burn and the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest until next spring."
- Elizabeth Coatsworth

"It was November—

The month of crimson sunsets, parting birds,
deep, sad hymns of the sea, passionate wind
songs in the pines

- L.M. Montgomery



Northstar always promotes vehicle safety!



Welcome Baby VanAtter!

For the first time in Northstar's history we were able to celebrate new life. Baby VanAtter was born mid-September. Mommy and baby are both doing great.

At our last team meeting we were able to celebrate with Matt by giving him a surprise shower. The team all contributed to a joint gift for Baby V.

