

# Bird Safety Corner

## Kitchen, Part 3

Now that you've learned all about what kinds of cookware to avoid, what can you actually use to cook? Well there are microwaves, take-out, restaurants...but you still want to cook? Well fortunately there is plenty of bird-safe cookware.



The following types of cookware are all considered safe to use around birds: aluminum, stainless steel, CorningWare, glass, copper-clad stainless steel, cast iron, and enamel, such as Le Creuset. So get cooking safely!



Unfortunately cookware isn't the only source of non-stick surfaces in the house. The cleaning cycle on your oven should never be used if there are birds in the house. Not only is the inside of an oven coated in non-stick, the cleaning cycle heats it to very high temperatures, so it is deadly to birds.

Many small appliances have non-stick coatings these days to inhibit rust and deterioration while they're waiting on a shelf to be sold. When you bring them home, they will release non-stick fumes just like cookware. After they run for a while, the coating wears off, but they should not be used around birds, at least initially. It is unfortunately unclear how long you have to wait.



Appliances with non-stick coating include space heaters, hair dryers, stoves, bread makers, ironing board covers, grills, waffle irons, curling irons, heating pads on coffee makers, griddles, hot air popcorn poppers, pizza pans, and oven liners, among others.



So no blow-drying your bird with your new hair dryer or putting a new space heater in your bird room in the winter!

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