

## The perfect Fried Green Tomatoes— A southern classic

I grew up in eastern North Carolina where summertime is equated with daily indulgence in plump, juicy luscious tomatoes, both red and green. Though red is the heart and soul of any sandwich (especially thick slices of Wonder Bread slathered with Duke's mayonnaise), green is made for frying. Starting in early June, my grandmother started cooking up a mess of green tomatoes in a heavy cast iron skillet and didn't stop until mid-September.

This is the recipe my grandmother used. It is simple and the results are perfect. I hope you enjoy this sublime and simply perfect dish as much as my family did.—Editor



Makes 4 to 6 servings

### Ingredients

4 large, firm green tomatoes, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch thick slices, about 5 per tomato  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste  
1 cup finely ground cornmeal  
1 teaspoon paprika or pimentón (a Spanish smoked paprika, available at [latienda.com](http://latienda.com))  
2 eggs  
Vegetable oil

### Preparation

1. Sprinkle the tomato slices with the salt and pepper;

set aside.

2. Combine the cornmeal and paprika in a shallow bowl. In another bowl, beat the eggs.

3. Cover the bottom of a heavy skillet with 1/2 inch of oil, then place it over medium-high heat.

4. Coat the tomato slices in the egg, then dredge them in the cornmeal mixture. Wipe off any excess.

5. Fry as many tomatoes as fit comfortably in the pan until nicely browned, about 2 minutes a side.

6. Transfer them to a paper towel-lined platter. Repeat until all the tomatoes are cooked.

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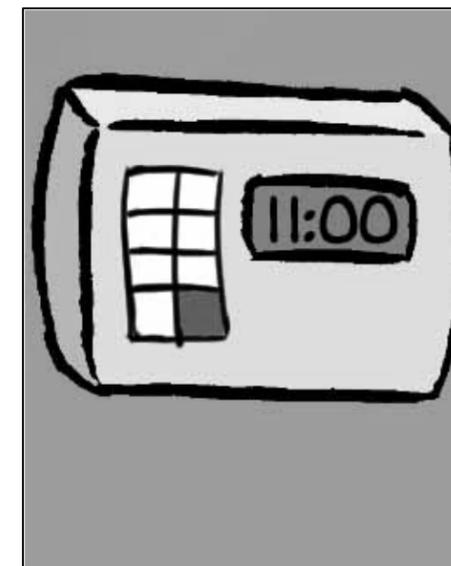
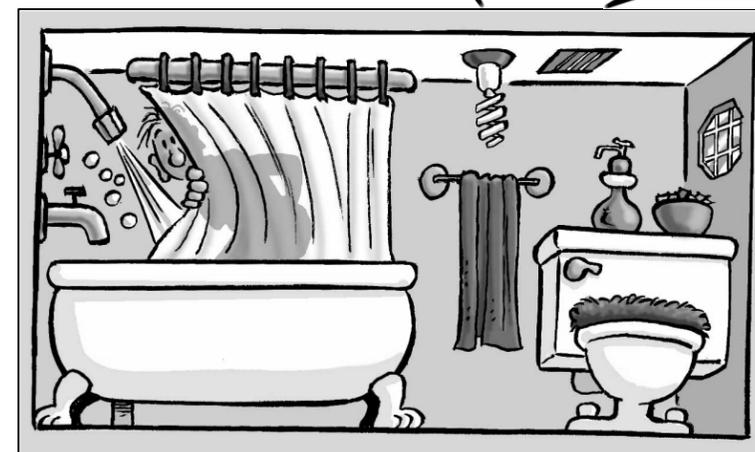
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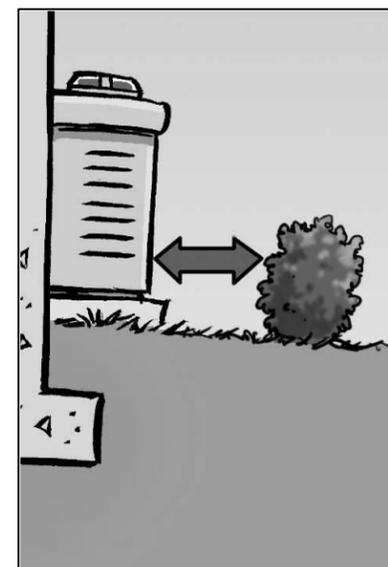
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