



**GreenTip**  
How Do You Measure Up?



## Have a **Green** Halloween

Hey kids and parents! Here are some ideas for making your Halloween celebration greener this year.

### Kids

#### **How about putting together your own costume this year?**

- Old evening gowns and party dresses out of the back of Mom's closet are great for becoming a princess. Add some of Mom's old costume jewelry and you're ready for the ball.
- Dad's old work clothes can be stuffed with newspaper or towels to make a big, scary monster or a muscular super hero. Use some creative face painting or make-up to complete the outfit.
- Make over one of your old costumes to create a new one. Go from cute and cuddly, like a puppy or teddy bear, to spooky and scary, like a werewolf or a man-eating grizzly bear.



#### **Try some of these green options:**

- Go trick-or-treating using a pillowcase or a reusable bag or basket.
- Trick-or-treat in your neighborhood by walking instead of having your parents drive you to trick-or-treat.
- Send your friends Halloween party invitations or cards by e-mail instead of snail mail. There are lots of e-mail greetings available online and some even come with fun Halloween games to play. Take some time to check it out!

### Parents

#### **Make your family's Halloween a little greener:**

- Buy fresh, local produce like apples and pumpkins for your Halloween parties and decorations. Apple bobbing and pumpkin carving can provide lots of entertainment for the witches and goblins at your house!
- Use reusable plates, cups, dinnerware and linens for your party table. Avoid disposable plates, napkins, tablecloths and utensils that will end up in the landfill after being used only once.
- Roast and salt pumpkin seeds for a tasty seasonal snack treat and make pumpkin pies out of the pumpkin meat. Remember, pumpkin seeds can also be fed to the birds and squirrels over the winter.
- When the jack-o-lanterns have wrinkled past their prime, you can compost them in your garden to feed your plants and shrubs with next year.
- Teach your children not to litter! Candy wrappers and drink boxes and bottles should be brought home or tossed in public trash and recycling cans for proper disposal rather than discarded on the trick-or-treat route.