

HALLOWEEN

Your costume and decorations should be scary ... not your trash can. Use these tips to reduce your single-use plastic waste this Halloween.

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DECORATIONS

- Instead of buying plastic decorations, gather colorful leaves from your yard to tape onto your windows, cut bat shapes out of black paper, and use string to create a spooky spider web.
- Carve a pumpkin, then roast the seeds you scooped out for a homemade snack instead of one packaged in plastic.
- If you decide to get store-bought decorations, choose items you can reuse every year.
- Create a creepy mood with a Halloween playlist instead of adding more decor.

COSTUMES

- Ditch expensive, plastic-wrapped costumes from the store for costumes you can create from your house. Raid your parents' closet for funky hats, ties, scarves, and jewelry.
- Swap last year's costumes with a friend instead of buying something new.
- Make your costume: Wear an old sheet as a cape or toga, use a ripped shirt to create a zombie look, or wrap yourself in toilet paper to transform into a mummy.
- Browse a thrift store for secondhand (and packaging-free) costumes.

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TRICK-OR-TREATING

- Ask your parents to hand out candy wrapped in paper, foil, or little cardboard boxes instead of plastic on Halloween night.
- Carry your loot in a pillowcase or reusable cloth bag instead of a plastic container.
- Send your empty wrappers to a recycling company like TerraCycle.
- Mail your wrappers back to the candy companies with a letter asking them to create compostable wrappers.

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