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CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



Ghoulishly Green Halloween Guide

TIPS FOR A SUSTAINABLE SPOOKY SEASON



Comhairle Contae County Council



Halloween Costumes

🎃 This Halloween rather than splashing out on a non-recyclable costume, get creative or search your local charity shop for some vintage bargains. An old sheet can be transformed into a convincing ghost and its just as easy to scare up a zombie costume with some ragged-clothing.

🎃 Why not trade your old costumes with friends and family, reducing the environmental impact and cost!



Spooky Decorations

🎃 Halloween is a time of dressing up, trick or treating and putting up decorations but it can also be a time where large volumes of waste are generated. Single-use decorations are a large contributor to the amount of waste produced during this season.

🎃 A variety of creative and spooky decorations can be made at home from items you already have around the house or perhaps in the recycling bin!

🎃 Why not try create your own decoration this year? Most decorations you make can be reused the next year.



Spooky Decorations

Apple Print Pumpkins

What you'll need

- Apples
- Paper
- Paint
- Paint brush

1. With the help of an adult, cut an apple in half.
2. Dip the apple face down into orange paint.
3. Push the apple onto a piece of paper.
4. Once the paint has dried, paint on the pumpkins eye, mouth and stem.
5. Repeat the above steps to make as many pumpkins as you wish!



Spooky Decorations

Egg Carton Bats

What you'll need

- Egg Carton
- Paper
- Paint
- Paint brush
- String/Ribbon
- Scissors

1. With the help of an adult, cut an egg carton in half.
2. Paint the egg carton black
3. Cut out small circles from white paper to make some eyes and paint smaller black circles on the paper.
4. Once the paint has dried, stick the bats eyes on the carton.
5. With the help of an adult, cut out a small semi circle at the top of your bats' head to create ears and puncture a hole at the top to thread your ribbon in.
6. Repeat the above steps to make as many bats as you would like.



Spooky Decorations

Toilet Roll Halloween Characters

What you'll need

- Toilet Roll
- Paper
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Scissors
- Glue

1. To create your toilet roll characters, you will need to paint your toilet rolls a variety of colours. You might paint one black to create a bat, green to create a witch or orange to create a pumpkin.
2. With the help of an adult, you can cut up some scrap paper to create decorations for your characters. For example, you might cut out black paper to create a witches' hat or perhaps some bat wings.
3. Once you have cut out your decorations, you can paint or glue your features to your toilet roll.



Spooky Decorations

Tissue Ghosts

What you'll need

- Tissue
- Markers
- Ribbon or string

1. Each ghost will require two pieces of tissue.
2. With your first piece of tissue, roll it into a ball.
3. Place the second piece of tissue over the rolled-up ball and tie a knot with your piece of ribbon to the base of the ball to secure it.
4. Fluff out the bottom of your ghost
5. Draw a face on the ghost with your marker
6. Make as many ghosts as you would like!
7. When finished you can hang them up or perhaps make them into a garland.



Spooky Decorations

Recycled Halloween Crafts

What you'll need

- Items from your recycling bin
- Paint
- Paper
- Decorations

1. Your recycling bin has a variety of materials that can be used for Halloween decorations.
2. With the help of an adult have a look at your recycling bin and see if there are any items that you can turn into some Halloween characters.
3. Once you have found your item of choice e.g., a bottle, tin can, plastic cup, plastic tray etc. you can paint your item in a colour of your choice.
4. Once the paint is dry, using a marker or paint, you can draw on your characters face!
5. Why not add some extra features to your character that you can find around the house, this could be some paper to create bag wings, leftover pipe cleaners to make spider legs or some left tissue paper to create a mummy.



Spooky Decorations

Leaf Ghosts

What you'll need

- Leaves
- Paint
- Markers

1. On your next walk, why not gather up some fallen leaves (any leaves will do).
2. Once your leaves have dried, paint them white.
3. When the paint has dried, use a black marker to draw a set of eyes and a mouth on the leaf to create your ghost!
4. These ghosts can be stuck on the wall, window or you could hang them up.



Trick or Treating

- 🍎 Go reusable when trick or treating this year!
- 🍎 Why not use an old pillowcase, a reusable bucket or tote bag for collecting your treats.
- 🍎 You can get crafty and decorate your item of choice to make it festive.
- 🍎 If handing out trick or treat bags, try to use paper or reusable bags.



Halloween Party

- 🍁 If you're hosting a Halloween party for children, why not try host a green Halloween party.
- 🍁 Use reusable cutlery and utensils such as plates and cups- try to avoid plastic cups, paper plates etc.
- 🍁 Create your own decorations for your party.
- 🍁 Try out some low waste games such as bobbing for apples or put a scary twist on traditional games such as pin the broom on the witch or musical 'monster' statues.



After Halloween

Pumpkins

While pumpkins can make some great Halloween decorations, they are often left to waste once the spooky season has passed. However, by utilizing the full pumpkin their impact on the environment can be reduced!



Save the Seeds

Why not save the seeds from your pumpkin so you can grow your own for the next year!



Cooking

Save the filling and do some cooking, there are a lot of recipes online from pumpkin soup to pumpkin pie, the opportunities are endless. Check out some popular pumpkin recipes here: <https://stopfoodwaste.ie/seasonal-events/making-the-most-of-pumpkin>



Compost

Any parts of your pumpkin that are not used, can be composted! Place your pumpkin in your home composter or your food waste bin when finished. Make sure to avoid painting your pumpkin so you can successfully compost it when finished.

Top Tip

Make sure to chop your pumpkin up into small pieces and add some brown materials to your composter when adding it to your home composter.



Halloween Safety Message

Please report all instances of dumping and stockpiling of waste to the Council by phone **(01-2054700)** or email **(info@dlrcoco.ie)**.

