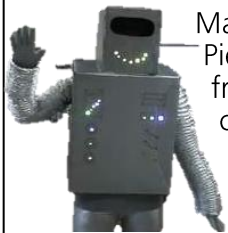




Orson, you are such a Hallo-weinie! Who are you supposed to be..?  
I'm Wonder Owl, of course, here to educate our Wells community about ways to be more sustainable this Hallowe'en.

Sustainable Trick-or-Treating? Great idea, Ors... I mean Wonder Owl. When will you start your "Green Hallowe'en" educational efforts?  
Right after my first trick: to pry off these darned gold armbands!

Thanks to Janice Yu Cheng in Admissions for her idea for Orson's costume this year. Just be forewarned: Orson will get even.



Make - don't buy - your costume! Piece together unique costumes from your own or secondhand clothing through creative repurposing. Homemade costumes will always be one-of-a-kind and memorable.

Looking for costumes for Hallowe'en or for Odd-Even events? Check out the **Bargain Basement** in the ground floor of Main. From our *Trash 2 Treasure* move-out collection, we kept quite a few costume elements. When you're done dressing up, don't throw those costume materials out. Donate them back to the **Bargain Basement** for someone else to use.

Consider setting up a pre-Halloween costume swap with a group of friends. Save your costumes to be used again, by you or others. If you must purchase, try to buy costumes made from recycled materials or versatile items you can incorporate into other costumes.



When looking for costumes or decorations, check out local thrift stores for reusable goodies. There are lots of reuse stores; check **Secondhand Shopping** in Tompkins County <http://reusetompkins.com/> for stores near Ithaca.



Make sure your makeup is safe. The majority of makeup, and nearly all costume face paints, can contain lead and other heavy metals. Keep this in mind when planning your "look". Learn more from the Campaign for

Safe Cosmetics. <http://www.safecosmetics.org> Channel your inner grade-schooler. Instead of buying premade plastic stuff, make your own fun decorations using recyclable materials like cardboard, newspaper, and aluminum foil.



Use natural materials for your decorations, like bright fall leaves, pumpkins, gourds and even dried grasses. There are several farm stands and U-pick pumpkin patches in the area or come to the **Aurora Farmers Market** (until Oct 28<sup>th</sup>). Light up Jack'o'lanterns with reusable LED candles.



Hand out healthier treats, without high-fructose corn syrup, chemical coloring, and artificial flavors. Chocoholics: choose **Fair Trade** certified goodies.

New **GOTCHA** cards will be issued after Fall Break. Let us "getcha" doing the right thing! These Block2 cards are good through **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**.



**"Installment"** is a double play on words: these mini-newsletters are placed inside bathroom cubicles (*"in stalls"*) and the content changes periodically - in *"installments."*

**Get it? Got it? Good!**



Bring used plastic shopping bags, burned-out light bulbs, and dead batteries to the collection boxes in the **Sustainability Center** classroom (Zabriskie 212) for proper recycling.

If you are not staying on-campus during Fall Break, the **Office of Residence Life** requests that you do the following for your room:

- Close and lock your windows, and close your window shades.
- Unplug all appliances and electrical devices, including alarm clocks. Energy vampires do not take breaks otherwise.
- Refrigerators may stay plugged in (but please discard expired food!).
- Empty your trash and recycling containers.
- Remove all perishable food items.
- Turn off all lights and lock your door.



Looking for a ride home for break? Willing to fill those empty seats in your vehicle and have somebody share your ride? Check out our

**Zimride.com/flxrideshareacademic** regional ridematching network. Consider opening your search to Cornell students; they have the same Fall Break period as Wells this year. Create a free **Zimride** profile and post your request for a ride or your ride offer to others.



Questions about more sustainable practices?

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