



Hey, Orson, isn't that you inside that weird Hallowe'en costume?
Rats! How did you know it was me?? I thought this one would fool you for sure!
 Your weird green eyes are pretty identifiable. Who are you supposed to be?
I am the COVID virus – probably the scariest thing I could be this year.
 I don't know, Orson. *COVID* is certainly something to *respect*. But if we all take proper precautions, like avoiding crowds, socially distancing, washing our hands, using hand sanitizer, and wearing our masks over our mouths *and* noses, we don't need to be *frightened* of *COVID*. We just need to be careful!



Make - don't buy - your costume. Piece together unique costumes from your own or secondhand clothing through creative reuse. Be aware that the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* has issued guidance stating that Hallowe'en costume masks alone will not provide *COVID* protection - you should wear any costume mask *over* your own protective face mask. Think about creative ways to incorporate your face mask *into* your costume. Homemade costumes will always be one-of-a-kind and memorable.

Looking for costumes for Hallowe'en or for Odd-Even events? Consider safely holding a **Costume Swap** among floor mates. Check out the **Bargain Basement** in the ground floor of Main. From our **Trash2Treasure** move-out collection this summer, we retained quite a few costume elements. When you're done dressing up, don't discard those costume materials. Donate clean, reusable items to the **Bargain Basement** for someone else to use.

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*Arrive curious ** Graduate prepared.*

When looking for costumes or room decorations, check out local thrift stores for reusable goodies. There are lots of reuse stores in our area. Hit the *Reuse Trail* <http://reusetompkins.com/> for stores near Ithaca.



Make sure any face makeup - worn above your face mask, that is! - 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 Hallowe'en "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 recycled and recyclable materials like used paper, jars, cardboard, newspaper, and foil.



Use natural materials for decorations like bright fall leaves, pumpkins, and even dried grasses. Check out farm stands and U-pick pumpkin patches.

Light your Jack-o'-lantern with reusable LED lights.

Our Fall **GOTCHA** cards - redeemable for \$1.00 off a fountain beverage at the **GRIND** - are good until November 20. Be spotted using a reusable beverage container and get rewarded for being more sustainable.



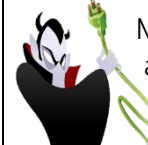
"Installment" is a double play on words: these mini-newsletters are placed inside bathroom cubicles (*"in stalls"*) and the content changes periodically - in *"installments."*

Get it? Got it? Good!



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

Starting October 19, NYS's Dept. of Environmental Conservation will begin enforcing its plastic bag ban. Most retailers - including grocery, clothing and home improvement stores - will no longer provide free plastic shopping bags. They may *sell* you a bag, but be smart - bring your own reusable shopping bags! Those same retailers are mandated to **take back** used plastic bags and plastic films for recycling, so start collecting those items to return during your future shopping trips. Learn more about what plastic films are recyclable: plasticfilmrecycling.org



Make sure you turn off and unplug appliances (like microwaves and coffee makers) and electronic equipment (especially computers and laptop / cell phone chargers) when you are not using them. Electronic items keep drawing electricity - called *"vampire load"* - even when the equipment is not in active use.

Questions about more sustainable practices?
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