



Orson, you are such a Hallo-weinie! What on earth are you doing *now*?  
*I'm not Orson. I'm the Great Pumpkin, here to educate our Wells community on ways to have a more sustainable Hallowe'en celebration.*  
 Sustainable Trick-or-Treating? Great idea, O Great Pumpkin. When do you start?  
*As soon as I get out of this pumpkin... Ooooph! Too many pumpkin spice lattes..!*



Make - don't buy - your costume! Piece together unique costumes from your own or secondhand clothing through creative and fun *refashioning*.

Looking for costume elements for Hallowe'en or 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 **clean** costume items back to the **Bargain Basement** for someone else to use.



Consider setting up a pre-Hallowe'en 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 purchase versatile clothing items you can incorporate into other costumes.

### Installments

are produced as a community service by the **Wells Center for Sustainability and the Environment**.

*Arrive curious ∴ Graduate prepared.*

When looking for costumes or decorations, check out local thrift stores for reusable goodies. There are lots of reuse stores; check *Secondhand Shopping* <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* while it is still open.

Light up Jack'o'lanterns with reusable LED candles.



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

Come to the **Wells-O-Ween** celebration on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30PM in Sommer Center.

"*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 labeled 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 Residential 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 and microwave ovens. Those **energy vampires** never take a break.
- ✦ Refrigerators may remain plugged in (but take the time to toss out expired food!)
- ✦ Empty your trash and recycling containers.
- ✦ Remove all perishable food items.
- ✦ Turn off all lights and lock your door.



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