



Orson, you are such a Hallo-weinie! Why are you dressed like that?
I'm not Orson. I'm Wonder Owl, here to educate our Wells community on ways to have a more sustainable Hallowe'en celebration.
 Sustainable Trick-or-Treating? Great idea, Wonder Owl. When do we start?
 Check out all the great tips below on this month's **Installment!**

Make - don't buy - your costume! Piece together unique costumes from your own wardrobe or use secondhand clothing to create a fun look through *refashioning*. Looking for costume elements for Hallowe'en or Odd-Even events? Check out the **Food and Freebie** room on the first floor of Main. During *Trash 2 Treasure*, we kept back some costume elements. When you're done dressing up, don't throw out those costume materials. Donate **clean** costume items *back* to the *Freebie* room for someone else to use.



Consider setting up a **Hallowe'en Costume Swap** with a group of friends. Save your costumes to be used again, by you or others. If you must purchase new, try to buy costumes made from recycled materials or purchase versatile clothing items you can incorporate into other costumes.

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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>

Get your friends together and get crafty. Make your own fun Hallowe'en decorations using materials like cardboard, newspaper, and foil.



Use natural materials for your decorations, like bright fall leaves, pumpkins, gourds and even dried grasses. There are numerous farm stands and U-pick pumpkin patches in the area. And

light up Jack-o'-lanterns with LED candles.



Hand out healthier treats, without high-fructose corn syrup, chemical colorings or artificial flavors. Choose to offer organic candies or *Fair Trade* certified chocolates. Bring empty candy wrappers to the new *Trick or Trash* box in Zabriskie 212 – don't trash them!



"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? Ghoul!



Bring used plastic shopping bags and other clean, dry plastic films, burned out **fluorescent** light bulbs, and dead **rechargeable batteries or button batteries** and place them in 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, we suggest that you do the following for your room or campus office:

- 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!)
- Remove all perishable food items.
- Empty your trash and recycling containers.
- Turn off all room lights.



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