

# Tips for a Green Halloween. Happy HallowGREEN!

- 1. Don't buy a brand new costume & decorations:** ALWAYS try to reuse/ recycle any Halloween costumes and decorations before buying new. Borrow from a friend, use your own old clothing and accessories, or shop secondhand to buy your costumes and decorations. It's good for the environment, it's fun and you're bound to end up with way better stuff.
- 2. Use a reusable trick or treat bag or bucket.** Pillowcases and reusable grocery store shopping bags work great too!
- 3. Get Crafty!** Make your own decorations, don't buy them new. Use craft paint and old items to decorate. Black paint makes candle sticks and just about anything look spooky.
- 4. Be smart. Be resourceful.** A secondhand sheet makes just as good of a ghost as a new one... Think of ways you can use secondhand items for costumes and decor.
- 5. Buy candy with less packaging & don't litter!** Make sure kids do not litter their night time treats in the street; teach them to use the trash can or waste basket.
- 6. Don't waste paper. Send out e-mail invites** for Halloween parties from sources like [www.evite.com](http://www.evite.com).
- 7. Roast pumpkin seeds with your jack-o'-lantern insides!** They are good food and taste great on salads!
- 8. Don't throw out your costumes and decorations. SAVE** your costumes and decorations for next year or **DONATE** them to charity if you are finished with them and they can still be used. Visit the donation section of [ThriftTown.com](http://ThriftTown.com) to learn more about donating to our charity partners.

