

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



As the spooky season fast approaches, we are excited to share our 5 eco-friendly tips and tricks that will help you celebrate Halloween in a way that's not just fun, but also kind to our planet!

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1 Costumes!



Rather than buying a mass-produced costume that you'll never wear again, make your own with things you already own! Get creative; use old clothing or check your local thrift store for that perfect piece! You could even borrow a costume from someone else, or revamp last year's.



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2 Disposing Pumpkins

Disposing of your pumpkin is one of the easiest ways to ensure your decorations are being taken down the right way! First, you want to remove any candles or wax (these go in the garbage). From there, you can chop up your pumpkin and drop them in an organics container, or use it as yard waste by placing your pumpkin in a yard waste bag and it will be picked up by local facilities! Make sure your pumpkin doesn't weigh more than 20kg if doing the second option.



3 Sustainable Treats



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We all love to enjoy candy, chocolate, and other sweet treats during the Halloween season, but we must not forget how they are sourced and where they come from. Many treats on the market today contain palm oil, which is produced through methods that lead to the harmful deforestation of rainforest ecosystems. This can leave many already endangered species without habitats to live in, putting them in even more jeopardy. A few candy producers are known to be “certified sustainable” when it comes to sourcing palm oil for their treats. These include Mars, Twix, M&Ms, Snickers, Skittles, Hershey's, Frito-Lay, Lindt, Ferrero, and more. Please keep this in mind when choosing what treats to buy this Halloween!

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Decorations



Although many decorations can be wasteful, you don't have to give up decorating for fall.

Firstly, reuse old decorations you already have! If you have some materials around the house, making your own decorations is a fun and sustainable option. Many classic single-use items you would buy can be made from what would otherwise be thrown away. For example, spiderwebs can be made from unwoven threading found in stockings, socks, and old towels, and tombstones and wall decor can be made out of used cardboard boxes.



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Post-Party Clean-Up



We all know that a big part of Halloween for university students are the parties! However, as fun as they may be, it's good to keep in mind proper disposal methods of any drink cans or bottles. Rather than tossing them on the ground, both cans and clear bottles can be recycled in blue boxes!

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH SCB KINGSTON

- October 22: Guided Nature Walk: Introduction to Community Science @ Biosci, 1pm
- October 26: SCB X AMS Sustainability Hub: Beeswax Workshops
- October 29: SCB X QCOS Post-HOCO Lakeside Cleanup @ Gord Downie Pier, 2pm