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FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN WASTE

That time of year is upon us again. The time of spooky fun and cheer that Halloween brings also brings forth frightening amounts of waste and money spent. Here are the scary facts along with a few boo-tiful solutions to make your Halloween celebration greener!

WASTE

Every October 31st **1 Pound** of waste is generated per trick or treat.¹

CANDY WRAPPERS

Each Halloween, Americans purchase **16 billion** fun sized snickers or **158 trillion** individual wrapped candy corns.²

PUMPKINS

1.1 billion pounds of pumpkin is sold during Halloween most of which is tipped straight into the bin.

COSTUMES

Store bought costumes can be expensive, full of **toxic chemicals** and generate tons of waste.⁵

41 MILLION
lbs of waste

600 MILLION
lbs of candy Purchased
during Halloween

12 MILLION
tons of
textile
waste

SCARY MONEY FACTS

- 157 MILLION** Americans will celebrate Halloween.
- \$70+** will be spent per person.
- \$2.5 BILLION** will be spent on costumes alone.
- \$6.9 BILLION** will be spent to celebrate the season overall.⁴

BOO-TIFUL GREEN SOLUTIONS

CANDY WRAPPER SOLVE

Look for organic candies that are produced using methods that won't damage the environment. Choose treats with little or no packaging, because the packaging can't be recycled. When possible, buy local.

PLASTIC REDUCTION

Choose cloth or canvas bags or pillow cases as an eco-friendly alternative to paper or plastic.

DIY TO THE RESCUE

Opt to DIY. Use items you already have at home or check out your local thrift store to design and make your own Halloween costumes.

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