



THREE TIPS FOR AN ECO-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN!

Every year, Americans buy approximately 600 million pounds of Halloween candy – that’s a lot of candy wrappers! Many of these wrappers end up as litter in our storm drains, getting carried into our creeks, rivers and bay. Help keep our waters healthy by having an eco-friendly Halloween with our three tips:

1. Don't Litter

Make sure all candy wrappers end up in the correct bin and not in our gutters. Most wrappers are not recyclable. While out trick-or-treating bring a separate trash bag to collect candy wrappers you see along the way. Make it a game with the kids, whoever collects the most wrappers by the end of the night gets a prize!

2. Make Upcycled Halloween Decorations

Instead of buying new Halloween decorations, try making your own out of recycled materials like tin cans, milk jugs and egg cartons. By reusing these materials, you can help prevent them from ending up in landfills, or as litter in our waterways. Check out seventeen recycled crafts here:

<https://www.allfreeholidaycrafts.com/Halloween-Ideas/Go-Green-for-Halloween-17-Halloween-Recycling-Crafts>

3. Donate Old Costumes

Halloween costumes are hard to recycle because they're typically made of multiple kinds of materials (polyester, feathers, adornments, etc.). Try reusing or repurposing your old costumes or donating them to a local thrift store, so they don't end up in our landfills. Or host a safe social distancing Halloween costume swap with the neighborhood kids!

Visit www.cccleanwater.org for more information about keeping waterways clean in Contra Costa County.