

Let's Make It a Green Halloween!

With Halloween just around the corner, plenty of spooky festivities and sugar highs are in store for Boone County. But don't be a ghoul this October: make the most eco friendly choices for your home, your family, and Boone County waterways all season.



Here are 5 simple ways to stop pollution & save money this Halloween:

1. **Create a one-of-a-kind costume.** Single-use costumes are super wasteful. For a do-it-yourself costume that's much more fun, head to a local secondhand store and mix and match the most outrageous pieces you can find.
2. **Think beyond the candy bowl.** To keep candy wrappers from littering our streets and ending up in our waterways, skip the sweets and have your kids draw jack-o-lantern faces on clementines or mandarins.
3. **Ditch the plastic bag.** For plastic-free trick-or-treating, opt for a canvas bag or go retro by using an old pillowcase to collect your goodies.
4. **Hop on your broom.** When clearing a safe path for trick-or-treaters, drop the hose and use a broom to sweep up the fallen leaves. You'll help keep debris from ending up in storm drains and mucking up our waterways.
5. **Keep it Clean.** After the Halloween festivities come to a close, clean up with nontoxic, eco-friendly household products. And if you need to dispose of any hazardous items (such as makeup and paint), bring them to : **Columbia Household Hazardous Waste Facility**

1313 Lakeview Columbia, MO 65201.

<https://www.como.gov/utilities/solidwaste/hazardous-waste/>

The facility is open on the first and third Saturdays April through November 8am to noon.

"A watershed is that area of land, bounded hydrologic system within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of a community." -John Wesley Powell