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Halloween TIPS

The following suggestions have been received from consumers thus far. Please add your own suggestions by sending an email to my2cents@consumer.state.ny.us.

- GROW your own pumpkins and gourds so you do not have to buy them. If you have a plentiful crop, you can sell some too!
- TOAST the pumpkin seeds after carving your pumpkin for a delicious treat.
- USE leftover pumpkin that is still fresh to make pumpkin soup, pie, bread, muffins or cookies.
- GATHER colorful leaves, pine cones and acorns to create Halloween and fall decorations.
- USE old clothes to make a scarecrow and stuff it with crumpled newspaper.
- LOOK around the house for fun articles of clothing and fabric to make a costume.
- CHECK out garage sales and thrift shops for inexpensive costume selections.
- HOST a Halloween costume swap party with friends and family members to circulate previously worn costumes.
- BORROW non-toxic make-up from a family member or friend to decorate your face instead of purchasing a mask.
- DECORATE an old pillow case or recycled grocery bag as a fun trick-or-treat tote bag.
- LOOK for coupons in the newspaper and online for wrapped Halloween candy.
- CONSIDER purchasing bulk bags of candy as opposed to buying many small bags or packages.
- HAND one piece of candy to each child as opposed to letting them grab a handful off a tray or out of a big bowl.
- OPEN only one bag of candy at a time for trick-or-treaters to keep leftovers fresh.
- USE leftover candy in recipes for desserts and for future parties.
- KEEP all candy receipts so you have the option of returning unopened bags the day after Halloween.
- PURCHASE candy at a discount price the day after Halloween for upcoming parties or events.
- **Add your own tip!**