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## Enjoy a Lean Green Halloween!

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Vancouver, BC – After Halloween, we often wake up to candy wrappers, spent firecrackers & toilet paper strewn outside. Then there might be old costumes taking up space in your attic, or excess candy in your fridge. What are some things that we can do to reduce Halloween waste?

### Sustainable Treats

We recommend gifting experiences and not just stuff. Or materials made out of recycled or repurposed goods, or even coupons, where children will end up visiting a store to pick up their treat. If you must hand out treats, stick to organic, fair-trade options.

### Costumes

Recycle last years costume or trade with a friend.  
Make your costume out of something you have at home.  
Dress up as Mother Earth, or the ocean or something environmental intriguing.  
Donate your costume to a thrift store or childcare centre when finished.

### Recycle the Pumpkin

Many municipalities in BC will pick up your pumpkin at home through yard waste collection programs, or you can start the composting program you have always wanted. If you purchased a baking pumpkin, you can visit <http://www.vancouverrestaurants.com/blog/pumpkin-pie-recipe> for a great recipe idea.

Get more ideas by calling the Recycling Council of BC's Hotline at 604-RECYCLE (732-9253) or 1-800-667-4321. Live operators are available between 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday.

The Recycling Council of British Columbia is a multi-sectoral, non-profit organization promoting the principles of Zero Waste through information services, research and the exchange of ideas. Founded in 1974, RCBC is Canada's longest-serving recycling council and has earned the reputation of being one of the most widely respected environmental organizations in the province today. RCBC has played a major role in the establishment of the many ground-breaking product stewardship programs in the province, which are emulated around the world.

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