



Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some tips:

ALL DRESSED UP:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Make sure that shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives to masks. Makeup should be tested ahead of time on a small patch of skin to ensure there are no unpleasant surprises on the big day.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs, and accessories; look for those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- Avoid any sharp or long swords, canes, or sticks as a costume accessory. A child can be easily hurt by these accessories if he/she stumbles or trips.

ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds. Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind trick-or-treaters:
 - Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
 - Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
 - Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
 - Never cut across yards or use alleys.
 - Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
 - Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

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Find future meeting dates online at:
www.minsteroh.com/calendar



Did You Know

Daylight Savings Time
ends on Sunday,
November 2nd.



Remember to turn
your clocks back one
hour and replace the
battery in your smoke
detectors.



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SMOKE ALARMS
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Curbside Leaf Collection



Curbside leaf collection began September 26th and will continue through the first week in December. You may not co-mingle leaves and branches or leaves and grass as this causes damage to the leaf collection equipment. Leaves should be piled in the grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb. Do not pile leaves in the street, gutters or other people's property. You can take grass to the Village Compost area on Seventh Street. Leaf collection will be several times a week as needed, weather permitting. THE LEAF TRUCK CANNOT FIT THROUGH THE NARROW ALLEYS.

Branch pick up will continue on Mondays, weather permitting. Branches (5 inches in diameter or smaller) should be placed in the tree lawn or next to the alley.

Rumpke Reminders

- Trash must be placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection. Drivers may not return to residences if materials are unprepared at the scheduled collection time.
- Rumpke's service includes collection of a maximum of six, 32-gallon cans or bags per pick-up. Cans and bags should not exceed 50 pounds. Please do not place trash at the curb in boxes. All boxes should be broken down and bundled. Rumpke is not responsible for damaged or missing plastic cans or lids.
- Please contact Rumpke at least 48 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up for acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pick-up. Any mattress or upholstered furniture must be completely sealed in disposable plastic for removal.
- Freon containing appliances require special handling procedures prior to pick-up. Please complete Rumpke's refrigerant recovery statement and [contact](#) Rumpke for more details.
- According to Federal law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous.
- Bulky materials including drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks are not acceptable.
- Drums, barrels, yard and household containers are not acceptable trash containers and will be assumed trash if placed at the curb.
- Rumpke is not responsible for damage beyond the curb line.

Rumpke phone number: 800-942-5030

Efficiency Smart

Efficiency Smart is celebrating the launch of its new website with a website scavenger hunt! Each Monday in October, visit [//Facebook.com/EfficiencySmart](https://Facebook.com/EfficiencySmart) to get a clue and enter for a chance to win a prize. For more information, call Efficiency Smart at 877-889-3777.



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Upcoming Active Older Adult Activities

BINGO Blitz at the
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November 12 at 1:00 pm

