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## Halloween Decorations Reminder

As the spooky season approaches, we're excited to see the community get into the Halloween spirit! Please remember the following guidelines regarding seasonal decorations:

- Halloween decorations may be put up starting October 1st.
- All decorations must be taken down promptly after October 31st.

We appreciate everyone's effort in keeping our neighborhood festive, safe, and well-maintained. As always, decorations should be tasteful and respectful of all residents. Please avoid anything that may obstruct sidewalks or pose a safety hazard.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we wish everyone a fun and safe Halloween season!

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## Halloween Health & Safety Tips

Halloween is a time for spooky thrills and imagination. But the holiday also brings some extra risks for children and teens.

Did you know that child pedestrian injuries are more likely on Halloween than on any other night of the year, for example? Help keep Halloween fun and safe for your family with these tips.



### SAFETY ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL HALLOWEEN STREET SMARTS

- **Always accompany young children** on their neighborhood rounds. If trick-or-treating doesn't start until after dark where you live, consider checking with your town or park district for Halloween activities offered earlier in the day. Research shows that evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. are the riskiest times of day for child pedestrians. Earlier festivities also help you stick to your child's regular bedtime.
- **If your older children are trick-or-treating alone**, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home and get flashlights with batteries for everyone.
- **Talk with kids about the risk of distracted walking.** This includes text messaging, talking on or looking at their cell phone and listening to music.
- **Cross the street as a group in established crosswalks.** Most (62%) child pedestrian traffic fatalities occurred mid-block, rather than at intersections. Make sure kids know not to cross the street between parked cars or out of driveways or alleys.
- **Don't assume cars will stop just** because they have the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters.
- **Stay on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.** If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic. Only go to homes with a porch light on and, ideally, a well-lit pathway.

### STRANGER DANGER & TRICKY PEOPLE

- **Older children should travel in groups** and create a "buddy system" to get each other home safely.
- **Caution kids never enter a home or car for a treat.** Notify law enforcement authorities immediately about any suspicious or unlawful activity.

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## Halloween Safety, *continued from front page*

- **Review with your child how to call 9-1-1** (or their local emergency number) if they ever have an emergency, get lost or are prone to wander. Preparing your home for trick-or-treaters
- **Remove tripping hazards** to keep your home safe for visiting trick-or-treaters. Keep the porch and front yard clear of items such as garden hoses, toys and bikes.
- **Check outdoor lights** and replace burned-out bulbs.
- **Sweep wet leaves from sidewalks and steps** to prevent anyone from slipping on them.
- **Restrain pets** so they do not jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

### COSTUME SAFETY TIPS

- **Plan costumes that are bright and reflective.** A brightly colored treat bag or glow-in-the-dark elements can be a fun way to incorporate safety into a scary costume. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- **Make sure that shoes fit well,** and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, getting caught on objects or coming into contact with firepits.
- **Look for "flame resistant" on the costume labels.** Wigs and accessories should also clearly indicate this.
- **Hats should fit properly** to prevent them from sliding over eyes and blocking vision.
- **Consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives to masks.** Test makeup ahead of time on a small patch of your child's skin to ensure there are no unpleasant surprises or allergic reactions on the big day. Toxic ingredients have been found in cosmetics marketed to teens and tweens.
- **Avoid any sharp or long swords, canes or sticks as a costume accessory.** Your child can easily be hurt by these accessories if he or she stumbles or trips.
- **Do not use decorative contact lenses without an eye exam and a prescription** from an eye care professional. While packaging for decorative lenses may claim "one size fits all," or "no need to see an eye specialist," wearing decorative contact lenses without a prescription is dangerous. It can cause serious eye problems that can lead to permanent vision loss.

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# Halloween Safety, *continued from page 2*

## PUMPKINS & DECORATING SAFETY

- **Never allow small children to carve pumpkins.** Children can draw a face with markers. Parents can do the cutting and then let little ones clean out the inside pulp and seeds. The American Society for Surgery of the Hand offers safe pumpkin carving tips.
- **Consider using a battery-operated flameless candle, flash-light or glow stick instead** of a candle to light your jack-o'-lantern. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.
- **Do not place candlelit pumpkins on a porch** or any path where visitors may pass close by. They should never be left unattended.

## HEALTHY HALLOWEEN TIPS

- **Consider offering non-edible goodies** to trick-or-treaters. Halloween is one of the trickiest days of the year for children with food allergies. Even candies without allergen-causing ingredients could have come in contact with an allergen during manufacturing. Food Allergy Research & Education's Teal Pumpkin Project suggests items such as glow sticks, spider rings, vampire fangs, pencils, bubbles, bouncy balls, finger puppets, whistles, bookmarks, stickers and stencils.
- **Wait until children are home to sort and check treats before eating them.** Though tampering is rare, it can happen. Also, many cannabis edibles look like regular candy could get accidentally mixed up with Halloween treats. Closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items. Give your child a good meal before trick-or-treating to discourage sampling.

- **Keep an eye on what your child has in their mouth at all times** while trick-or-treating. Keep in mind that babies and toddlers should not have hard candies, caramel apples, popcorn, gum, small candies (jelly-beans, etc.), gummy candy, pumpkin seeds or anything with whole nuts. Candy wrappers, stickers, small toys or temporary tattoos can be a choking hazard, too.
- **Try to ration treats** for the days and weeks following Halloween. Keep candy rules realistic, consistent and positive. Make a plan together so everyone knows what to expect. It's also a great opportunity to teach your kids about moderation, balance and healthful indulging.

## Youth Confidence Day

Building a framework of positive role models is vital to developing responsible, confident young adults. Incidentally, National Youth Confidence Day, on October 20, encourages us to connect and inspire today's youth for tomorrow's success.

National Youth Confidence Day celebrates the energy, spirit and potential of young people. The day is an acknowledgment of all they will accomplish, respectively. Guidance, leadership and mentors will help light the path, indeed. In addition, today's youth will navigate the obstacles that will inevitably lay before them.

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Coming up: We can use help with Meals on Wheels, Sheridan Food, Bank, Action Center Clothes Sorting, blood drive, ushering at the Jeffco Symphony, donating toys to local hospital, and others. We will need a lot of help in December with our Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, we will ring for about 2 weeks at two King Soopers stores.

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The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (70 members) dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations throughout the year. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

## Vanilla Crispy Treats With Leftover Halloween Candy

**Total Time:** 1 hr 15 min; **Prep Time:** 5 minutes

**Cook Time:** 10 minutes

### INGREDIENTS for 9 servings

- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 2 ½ cups chocolate candy, divided
- 6 tablespoons salted butter, ¾ stick
- 10 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 7 cups rice cereal



### PREPARATION

Line a 9-inch (22 cm) square pan with 2 sheets of parchment paper and sprinkle the sugar over the bottom of the pan.

Chop the chocolate candy into small pieces, then transfer to the freezer while you prepare the crispy treat mixture.

In a large nonstick pot, melt the butter over medium-low heat. Reduce the heat to low, then add the marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Add the vanilla and stir to incorporate.

Stir in the rice cereal. Remove from heat. Let cool slightly.

Transfer half of the mixture to the prepared pan and press into an even layer. Add 2 cups (350 g) of the candy in an even layer, then top with the remaining rice cereal mixture and spread in an even layer. Top with the remaining candy.

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