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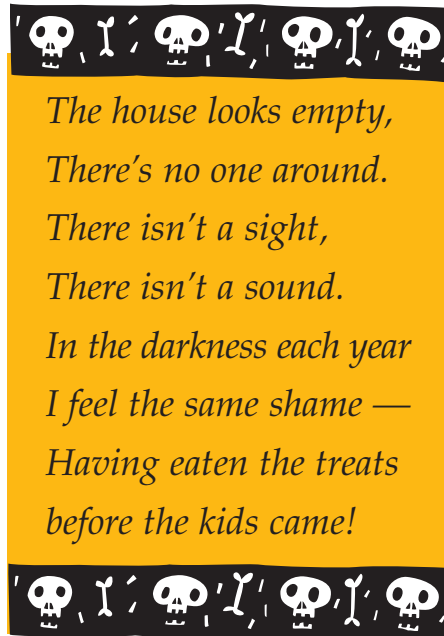
Halloween Safety Tips for Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flowerpots that can trip the young ones.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, packaged fruit rolls and mini boxes of raisins.

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October 30—
National Candy Corn Day

October 31—Halloween and Daylight Savings Time Ends: Set clocks BACK one hour—Spring forward/Fall back



*The house looks empty,
There's no one around.
There isn't a sight,
There isn't a sound.
In the darkness each year
I feel the same shame —
Having eaten the treats
before the kids came!*



Don't Drive Like a Speed Demon on Halloween

To ensure a safe and accident-free Halloween, drivers should:

- Watch for children in the street and on medians.
- Exit driveways and alleyways carefully.
- Have children get out of cars on the curbside, not on the traffic side.
- Parents can make driving easier for motorists by making sure their goblins and ghosts can see and be seen on Halloween night.

Halloween safety message from the American Optometric Association (AOA) Courtesy of ARA Content

Economical Preparations for Winter: Use Color

Autumn is here, which means winter is not far behind. No matter what part of the country you live in, the winter season is colder, slower, and darker. It's a time for "hibernating" in your house. When the colors of the flowers, trees, and sky fade, our moods and energy often fade as well.

Winter is the perfect time to spruce up the interior of your home and one of the best ways is to use paint. Even if you think you don't have the energy or talent to repaint all of your rooms, don't worry. You can add splashes of color by painting just one wall in a room a vibrant hue.

First, decide which wall to paint. Ask yourself, "What's the most important element, or what do I want people to notice in the room?" When you answer, you have found the focal point. It may be a fireplace, a view, or even a favorite piece of artwork. The wall around that focal point is the wall to paint. Bold colors work well on these walls because they tend to be broken by the window or fireplace.

Now, which color? Before you pick your color, remind yourself what kind of room you want to design. To add more energy, pick a stronger, bolder hue that corresponds with your existing wall color. It may be a deeper shade of the current color, or a completely different complementary color.

Don't be afraid to express your personality and raise the energy level of your home by using your favorite shades on key areas as well as unexpected places. Look around the interior of your home for creative ways to add color and lift your mood, through winter and year-round.

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Fall Composting Ensures a Bountiful Garden

Autumn is the perfect time to begin a project that will ensure a bountiful garden next year: a compost pile. Decaying vines, vegetables, leaves and grass clippings contain excellent nutrients that break down over time to recharge soil with nitrogen for spring planting.

Building a compost pile is simple with these easy tips. First, find a place for your compost. Drive four 5-foot wood or metal stakes one foot into the ground. Fence in three sides with chicken wire, leaving one side open for easy access. If you like the idea of a compost pile but don't have time to build one, purchase a prefabricated compost unit.

Next, collect chopped tree leaves, grass clippings, and all the vines and fading plants from your vegetable garden and build a pile that's at least three feet in diameter and three feet high. This will build a hot internal temperature that gets nutrients “cooking.”

Add the material in five- to six-inch layers and sprinkle a 10-10-10 fertilizer—ten parts each nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium—on top of each layer, and add a dusting of lime to prevent odor. Cover each layer with soil.

Shape the pile like a volcano and make an indentation on top to catch rain. Water the pile occasionally to keep it moist and turn it once in a while to move drier outside material into the middle where it can break down into lush humus.

To avoid odor and bothersome animals, never deposit meat or bone into the pile. As a safety precaution, avoid adding diseased plants or lawn clippings that have recently been treated with herbicides or weed killers.

Compost now and in the spring, your garden will get a shot of nutrients that have been cooking all winter long.

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CARAMEL CORN

- 3 qts popped popcorn
- 3 cups unsalted mixed nuts (or peanuts)
- 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 cup Karo® light or dark corn syrup
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter or margarine
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

Spray large shallow roasting pan with non-stick cooking spray. Combine popcorn and nuts in pan; place in oven at 250° while preparing syrup.

In a heavy 2-qt saucepan, combine brown sugar, corn syrup, butter, and salt. Over med. heat, stirring constantly, bring to a boil. Boil 5 minutes, without stirring. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and baking soda. Pour over warm popcorn mixture, stirring to coat thoroughly.

Bake at 250° for about 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Cool, break apart, and place in an airtight container.