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Halloween Safety Tips!

Make your house a haven for trick-or-treaters.

Halloween is one of the fall season's most treasured holidays. Kids love to dress up, get together with friends, and go door-to-door in search of the biggest and best goodies.

If your neighborhood tends to be teeming with little ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses, you'll want to be sure your yard and stoop are safe and welcoming with these Halloween Safety Tips. A little pre-planning can prevent unfortunate accidents that could turn out to be tragic for kids and trying for you.

Pets first. Many dogs, cats, and other furry family companions get scared when oddly dressed strangers approach their door in droves. Make sure your pet is in a safe and comfortable space or take them to a secure, relaxing offsite location for the evening.

Clean it up. If your yard gathers stuff – like toys, rakes and other yard tools, hoses, tree branches, you name it – take the time to clean it up. Make sure your yard is free of potential hazards and create a clutter-free walking path well before dusk falls this Halloween.

Light it up. Make sure you offer a well-lit path. You can do this using any type of yard lights, from solar, string, LED, existing outdoor lighting or glow-in-the-dark.

Turn it off. When you're done for the night, make it obvious by turning any and all inviting lights off. However, if you're still offering candy in a bowl outside, do make sure to keep the path well-lit until your sweet treats are tucked away inside the house.

HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Make Halloween safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips...

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o'-lanterns.
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters.
- Teach children to stay away from open flames including jack-o'-lanterns with candles in them.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

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Thanksgiving Safety Tips!

The hustle and bustle of the holidays is here – excitement is in the air, along with delicious aromas of home-cooked meals. We all dream of the “perfect holiday,” but sometimes small accidents can put a damper on the whole day.

Here are some Thanksgiving Safety Tips:

- According to the National Fire Protection Agency, Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment. Make sure your smoke alarms are in working order and you have at least one fire extinguisher that is easily accessible.
- This is not a day to set it and forget it – do not leave the home while cooking your turkey and the rest of your Thanksgiving dinner.
- Do not leave food unattended on the stove top.
- Keep knives and matches away from children.
- In the event of a kitchen fire in a pan on the stove top, do not move the pan. Slide a pan lid or baking sheet on top to put out the fire. Turn the heat off on the burner and keep the lid or baking sheet on until it cools. NEVER attempt to use water to put out an oil fire – it will only fuel the fire.
- Use a timer to remind you of food in the oven cooking.
- Keep children away from the stove and any lit candles.
- The NFPA discourages use of turkey fryers, but if you insist, please check out their safety tips @ <http://www.nfpa.org/%7E/media/Files/Safety%20information/Safety%20tip%20sheets/>

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility Safety and Environmental Offices wish you and your family a safe and festive Holiday season!

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ROAD TRIP

Travel Tips

If you and your family plan to hit the open road this year, check out these tips for a safe and enjoyable journey.

CAR MAINTENANCE

TECHNICIAN
Consider having your car checked by a technician before a long trip.

TIRES
Check tires monthly for tread wear. Make sure all tires (including the spare, are properly inflated.

COOLANT
Check the coolant level and condition, making certain the proper 50/50 mixture of water and coolant is present.



OIL
Check the level and condition of the engine oil. The owner's manual will have specific recommendations.

BELTS & HOSES
Look for worn, cracked, blistered or soft belts and hoses. Always perform this check with the engine off.

BATTERY
Hot weather can shorten the life of a battery. You can have it tested by a qualified technician.

TRAVEL PLANNING

EMERGENCY KIT
Carry an emergency kit with a flashlight, batteries, warning devices (such as flares or reflective triangles), jumper cables, a first-aid kit and extra water.

FUEL
Don't let the gas level get below one-quarter of a tank.

ROUTE-PLANNING
Use the AAA Mobile App to plan your route ahead of time. Make stops every 100 miles or 2 hours to avoid drowsy or fatigued driving.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Reserve all accommodations in advance, but be flexible if you need to stop an extra night due to traffic, fatigue or change of plans.

SECURITY
Lock your car when you leave it, and keep your valuables out of sight.

SAFETY
Secure children and adults in car seats, booster seats or seat belts.

ENTERTAINMENT
Bring books, games or music for the ride.

INFORMATION
Bring information on your destination to make the most of your trip.



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America Recycles Day
NOVEMBER 15

Why Recycling Matters Fast Facts

Recycling means Wallops Flight Facility reduces its impact on the local landfill, saves money, and increases efficiency.

In fiscal year 2014, WFF recycled:

- 7,205 pounds of batteries and 14,960 pounds of toner cartridges
- 80,640 pounds of plastic, metal, glass, paper and cardboard in the single stream recycling program

Recycling in the U.S.

Recycling allows individuals to **give new life** to the products they use. When manufacturers use recycled materials in their products, not only does it conserve natural resources and reduce waste in landfills, but it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions through energy savings.

Our national recycling rate of **34.5 percent** annually:

Sends 87 million tons of material to a useful second life instead of the landfill.

Saves Americans the equivalent of the **annual energy consumption of nearly 10 million U.S. households** per year.

Avoids greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions equivalent to removing more than **33 million cars from the road** each year.



Bi-metal

Recycle your food can and it could become part of a bike, or even a bridge!

Aluminum

Your soda can could become part of a stadium! Venues like the Baltimore Ravens football stadium are made with recycled aluminum. ¹



Glass

Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to power a television for 20 minutes. That's a whole episode of your favorite show if you don't count the commercials! ²



Paper

In 2012, Americans trashed enough paper to cover 20,500 football fields in paper three feet deep. ³



Plastic

The amount of plastic bottles recycled in 2012 provided the raw material needed to make nearly 8 million XL t-shirts. ⁴



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