COVID-19 Friendly Trick-or-Treating Ideas

Drive-by Trick-or-Treating

Coordinate with your neighborhood and have folks drive by like the COVID-19 birthday parades. Gently throw candy to costumed kids in their yards. This reverse trick-or-treating keeps the vulnerable generation and high-risk people from getting too close while still allowing them to enjoy seeing everyone in their costumes, and the kids can still collect candy.



You've Been Boo'd

Spread some anonymous Halloween cheer with this random act of kindness. Drop a treat at your neighbor or friend's front door.

Trick or Treat Balloon System

Rally up your neighbors and see who wants to participate in trick or treating. Have them tie an orange balloon to their mailbox if they are participating. Participants can leave prepackaged treats outside their doors if they want to avoid contact.

Set up a community Halloween photo backdrop

Host a Halloween photo backdrop in your driveaway. Families can take turns coming to get their photos taken in their costumes. Provide individually wrapped treats that kids can pick up after their photos.

Neighborhood Décor Party

Get together with families in your neighborhood and decorate outside for Halloween. Leave bowls of candy at the end of the driveway for easy pick up.

Use Nextdoor.com to connect

Nextdoor.com connects neighborhoods. You can use its Treat Map to let neighbors know the best route for efficient trick or treating and mark your house available for trick or treating.

Halloween Graveyard

Create the ultimate Halloween candy graveyard this year where kids can trick-or-treat from a safe distance.

Parade-in-Place

Dress up as your favorite characters, decorate your bikes or car with spooky decorations, and schedule a parade with your neighbors.



Trick-or-Treat Easter Style

Reuse your Easter eggs and hide them around the house for a different way to trick-or-treat. For a more complicated hunt, have each child search for their own colored eggs, which contain their favorite candy.

Candy Hedge

Ditch the candy bowl and create a fake hedge filled with candy. Use a backdrop frame as your base, cover it in black creepy cloth and layer garland over the top. Finish it by clipping candy to the garland.

Ghosting

Make goodie bags with Halloween-themed fun and treats for friends and neighbors. Drop them at the door without labeling who the treat is from. Once they discover their gift, they hang a ghost in the window, so others know they have already been ghosted. Then, they get to share the fun with another family to continue the chain of Halloween excitement.



Set up decorated tables or booths in your front yard where you can hand out individual bags or cups of candy.



Use a grabber to give out candy

Use a grabber or tongs to pick up the candy from the dish to hand out. Look for skeleton hand or witch hand grabbers.

Scavenger Hunt

A Halloween scavenger hunt with the kids is the perfect activity for the season. Do it as a family and check out all of the spooky decorations in your neighborhood.