



Ghoulish delights for trick-or-treaters

Halloween festivities are fast approaching, and it's about time to decide which treats you'll give to the kids crowding around your door this year. While most of us find it hard to resist a classic chocolate bar, coming up with new treats to dole out can add a fun twist to the trick-or-treating tradition.

If you've been racking your brain for alternatives to candy bars and lollipops, keep these options in mind when picking up Halloween supplies:

- Stickers and removable tattoos – Goblins, ghouls and other spooky characters are all the rage around Halloween. Hand out some temporary tattoos or stickers and your house is sure to be a hit.
- Individually wrapped snacks – There's an assortment of lunchbox treats that can double as Halloween goodies, including gummy fruit snacks, granola bars and small chip bags.
- Bubble bottles – Adorn your neighborhood with the whimsical sight of bubbles on Halloween by giving out this classic party favor.
- Glow sticks – Available as bracelets, necklaces and traditional glow sticks, these handouts can help trick-or-treaters light their way for the rest of the night.
- Sweet drinks or water bottles – Walking door to door with a pillowcase full of candy can tire anyone out. Fill a tub with ice and your drinks of choice, such as small water bottles, mini soda cans and natural fruit juice boxes, and then offer them to children and parents alike.

Picking one of the items above – or thinking up a Halloween handout of your own – can make it easier to offer non-candy options that kids will still want in their treat bags. You might even save yourself a few dollars in the process.

We wish you and your loved ones a hair-raising Halloween, filled with tricks, treats and time spent with those who matter most.