

Ghosts and Pumpkins—

Fruit in costume!

Cut bananas and use chocolate chips for eyes and a mouth.

Unpeel mandarin oranges and use a small piece of celery for the stem. Yummy and healthy! **Banana peels and orange peels can be put in your outdoor composting cart.**



CONTAMINATION IS SCARY!

- Candy wrappers, plastic bags and sandwich bags are not recyclable. Please put those in the garbage.
- Never put plastic in the compost.
- Boo for garbage! While some things need to be placed in the garbage, let's all do our part to reduce and reuse to prevent waste in the first place!

For more information on what is recyclable, compostable and garbage in the City of Bellevue visit: BellevueWA.gov/recycle-at-home



**Zero Waste Halloween Crafts
and Recipes Ideas for having
eco-friendly fun around
your home this holiday!**



For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-6932 (voice) or email recycle@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

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CRAFTY TRICKS



Paper Towel Roll Bats

Fun Fact: All Washington bats are insect eaters and one bat can eat up to 1,200 mosquitoes in an hour!

To make bats, color or wrap paper towel or toilet paper rolls, use boxes or other cardboard to cut out a wing shape, and draw a face. Attach string to hang them up! **When you are finished with your bats, the paper and cardboard are recyclable.**



Robot Costume

Building a robot costume out of boxes is easy! Have an adult help cut a hole in the bottom that your head can fit through. Decorate the box with scrap paper, markers, and bottle caps. Add a box for a hat. Time to robot dance!

It is also easy to make a costume using a paper bag. Cut out the bottom and use the handles as straps. Color or attach a picture to the front.

90% of items shipped in the U.S. are sent in cardboard boxes. Cardboard boxes are made from recycled material and are recyclable. Just remember to flatten boxes before placing in your recycling bin.



Bottle Cap Spiders

Fun fact: Spiders eat more insects than any other creature.

To make your own spiders, collect plastic bottle caps. Draw or attach eyes and attach pipe cleaners for legs. Use string to hang these around your house, or string them together to make a spider garland! These can also make a fun necklace! For a silly trick, put one of these spiders on a long string and slowly drag it in front of someone in your household to surprise them! **Bottle caps are not recyclable, however reusing them for crafts gives them a second life!**



DELICIOUS TREATS



Jack-O-Lantern Stuffed Pepper

Use your favorite stuffed pepper recipe, but before you stuff them, carefully cut out a Jack-O-Lantern face! **Zero waste and delicious!**



Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

If you carve a pumpkin, scoop out the seeds for this recipe. Separate the pulp from the seed. Boil seeds for 10 minutes in saltwater. Drain the seeds in a colander. Spread seeds on a baking pan and drizzle with olive oil. Roast for 10 minutes at 325 degrees. Stir and bake another 10 minutes. Allow to cool and then enjoy!

Carved pumpkins and the stems of peppers can go in your composting cart when you are finished with them.



Grape Caterpillars

Assemble grapes on a wood skewer. Use icing for eyes. **Wood skewers are compostable.**



Cookie Insects

Using Oreos or similar sandwich-style cookies, crack the top and open to form wings. Add icing eyes. You can also add mini peanut butter cups for fun. **Zero waste treat!**

