



## 2020 Outdoor Trick-or-Treating

**Cities recommend alternative celebrations; encourages safe measures for those who will still trick-or-treat**

### City of De Pere & City of Green Bay Trick-or-Treat 2020 Recommendations

With high levels of COVID19 circulating in the region, the City of Green Bay and City of De Pere, in consultation with local health departments, recommend that you do not trick-or-treat door to door this year. We recommend you and your family choose less-risky alternatives for celebrating Halloween instead.

Safer Options we recommend this year:

- Virtual activities and visits with friends and family online
- In-home Halloween-themed activities like baking treats, decorating, watching holiday movies, or scavenger hunts with people you live with
- Drive through haunted house or neighborhood decoration viewing
- Find more info and ideas at [www.halloween2020.org](http://www.halloween2020.org).

The City of Green Bay & City of De Pere also do not recommend gathering in groups for Halloween celebrations with people you do not live with. We recommend **avoiding** in-person indoor celebrations, happy hours, or socializing at bars.

### **Trick or treat hours**

Despite our recommendations, we understand that some residents may still participate in trick-or-treating regardless. For this reason, we are still designating official trick-or-treating hours. Hours will be Saturday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 7 p.m. For traffic safety reasons and out of courtesy to local homeowners, please adhere to this timeframe.

Please also follow Wisconsin DHS and CDC guidance.

### **Trick or Treat recommendations:**

- **Stay home** if you or a member of your household is sick or has symptoms of COVID-19.
- Only participate in one-way trick-or-treating. Explain it to your trick-or-treaters that this is safer than traditional trick-or-treating.

- “One-way trick-or-treating” is where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations.
- Trick-or-treat only with the people you live with.
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
- Wear a face mask covering both your mouth and nose. A costume mask **is not** a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, especially before eating or after coughing/sneezing, and as soon as you return home.
- Check out [www.halloween2020.org](http://www.halloween2020.org) to learn about alternative Halloween activities if you do not wish to take your children trick-or-treating

**The top recommendation for passing out candy is to participate in one-way trick-or-treating!** This is the safest way to pass out candy! If you choose not to follow one-way trick-or-treating, please follow these recommendations for passing out candy:

- **Do not** hand out candy if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Turn your yard/porch light on to indicate you are participating.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose.
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters.
- Distribute candy on disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
- Wash hands often.
- Consider handing out candy outdoors in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.

### Opting Out

It is perfectly acceptable if you don't want to participate in passing out candy. To assist trick-or-treaters with respecting your wishes, please turn off your yard/porch light and consider posting a sign saying you are not participating this year. We would like to encourage anyone who is participating to turn on their porch light to help differentiate between houses that are and are not participating.

### More Information

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

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