



Get a FREE Halloween Costume and Reduce Waste
OCRRA is teaming up with Onondaga County Public Libraries this year to help families save money and natural resources.

Syracuse, N.Y. [October 7, 2024] – With the start of October, many families are picking pumpkins and getting ready to pick the perfect costume for Halloween. There are a few fantastic opportunities coming up in Onondaga County that can help parents save money and reduce waste!

Two branches of Onondaga County Public Libraries, White and Betts, are getting ready for Costume Closet giveaways. They started collecting gently used costumes after Halloween last year. Families are invited to choose from hundreds of options, for free! A library card is not required. Masks, costumes, wigs, some makeup, accessories and more will be given away, while supplies last.

- White Branch Library, 763 Butternut Street, Syracuse, will celebrate the opening of their Costume Closet on Monday, October 14 from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments and recycling guide magnets will be provided by OCRRA.
- Betts Branch Library, 4862 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, will open their Costume Closet for a special celebration on Saturday, October 26 from 1-4 p.m.

Any costumes left after the dates listed above will be available during normal library hours, until supplies are gone. Then, it's time to stock up again! During the month of November, donations to the Costume Closet will be accepted at White and Betts Libraries for another big giveaway celebration next year. Visit www.onlib.org/locations to find more information about each library and hours of operation. B-roll of costume donations can be supplied by contacting twalters@onlib.org in advance.

Wait! There's another way to reduce waste after Halloween! Your perfectly carved pumpkin doesn't have to be thrown away. Compost it instead. Onondaga County residents can drop off pumpkins at OCRRA's Amboy or Jamesville Compost Sites from November 1-23 during normal hours of operation. Visit www.OCRRA.org/events for details and links to site hours.

Remove all pumpkin decorations in advance, including candles, stickers or other embellishments. No painted pumpkins please. This is a free opportunity for Onondaga County residents only, not commercial or municipal operations. A compost site pass is not required for pumpkins dropped off by November 23. Pumpkins never belong in a recycling bin. However, composting is a great way to recycle organic material and give your garden soil a boost next spring. Thank you for helping our community reduce Halloween waste.

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About OCRRA

The Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA) is a not-for-profit, public benefit corporation created by the New York State Legislature to deliver a comprehensive solid waste management and resource recovery system to Onondaga County residents. Services include recycling education, a Household Hazardous Waste Program, the Jamesville and Amboy Compost Sites, and waste management at the Rock Cut Road Transfer Station and the Waste-to-Energy Facility. Learn more at www.OCRRA.org.