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This week on Radio Nova we looked at ways of cutting down on waste at Halloween.

**Did you know….**

* 83% of Halloween costumes use non-recyclable plastic.
* 63% of Halloween costumes can take up to 20-200 years to decompose.
* 40% of consumers buy pumpkins to carve for Halloween but 60% of them just throw it away afterwards.
* When decomposed, pumpkins produce methane gas, which is 20X more harmful to earth than CO2.

**Tips To Reduce The Waste**

1. Reuse Costumes

Repurpose and recycle your Halloween costume.

2. Eco Friendly Packaging

Use biodegradable or reusable packaging for candies on Halloween.

3. Consume Pumpkin

Eat your pumpkin. Make recipes to use it. Compost it. Or feed it to the animals.

4. Save Decorations

Donate or recycle Halloween decorations. Don’t put them in the waste-bins.

**Links for more information:**

[www.hubbub.org.uk/sew-spooky](http://www.hubbub.org.uk/sew-spooky)

[www.wastemanaged.co.uk/halloween-waste/](http://www.wastemanaged.co.uk/halloween-waste/)

