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Halloween Safety Tips for Your 'Tween'

Safety and Courtesy Tips for Your Tween This Halloween

- Make sure an adult or responsible teenager accompanies your tween.
- Plan and discuss the route your tween intends to follow. Know the names of all the kids that will accompany your tween on the outing.
- Remind your tween to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Choose safe houses; kids should only go to homes where you know the residents and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.
- Make sure your tween knows NEVER to enter a stranger's home for ANY REASON.
- Instruct your child never to eat anything until you have inspected the treats. Throw away anything unwrapped.
- Remind your tween to walk from house to house and not to cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Show respect for the homeowners—pumpkin smashing is NOT harmless.
- Remind your tween to say "thank you!"

<http://www.parenting.org/article/halloween-safety-tips-1>

OCTOBER HOME WARRANTY TIP: Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? Be sure to check them at least once a month.



Fire Prevention Week: October 9th–15th

Proper clearance to 100 feet dramatically increases the chance of your house surviving a wildfire. This defensible space also provides for firefighter safety when protecting homes during a wildland fire.

- Create a Defensible Space of 100 feet around your home. It is required by law.
- Create a "LEAN, CLEAN and GREEN ZONE" by removing all flammable vegetation within 30 feet immediately surrounding your home.
- Then create a "REDUCED FUEL ZONE" in the remaining 70 feet or to your property line. You have two options in this area:
 - A. Create horizontal and vertical spacing between plants. The amount of space will depend on how steep your property is and the size of your plants.
 - B. Large trees do not have to be removed as long as all of the plants beneath them are removed.
- Remove lower tree branches at least six feet from the ground.
- Landscape with fire resistant plants.
- Maintain all plants with regular water, and keep dead branches, leaves and needles removed.

For the full article visit: www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_100feet.php



Home Safe Home This Halloween:

- Remove anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Sweep wet leaves from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently bite a trick-or-treater because they are frightened.



Have a safe and happy Halloween!

OCTOBER
National Popcorn Poppin' Month
National Caramel Month
October 9th–15th: Fire Prevention Week
October 31st: Halloween



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Corny Facts

- Americans consume some 16 billion quarts of this whole grain, good-for-you treat. That’s 52 quarts per man, woman, and child.
- Compared to most snack foods, popcorn is low in calories. Air-popped popcorn has only 31 calories per cup. Oil-popped is only 55 per cup.
- The peak period for popcorn sales for home consumption is in the fall.
- How high can popcorn kernels pop? Up to 3 feet in the air.
- If you made a trail of popcorn from New York City to Los Angeles, you would need more than 352,028,160 popped kernels!

<http://www.popcorn.org/AboutUs/PopcornPoppinMonth/FunPopcornFacts/tabid/118/Default.aspx>

CARAMEL CORN CRUNCH

Yield: 3 quarts

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 3 quarts popped popcorn

Directions

1. Cream butter; add brown sugar and whip until fluffy. In a large bowl, combine popcorn and butter mixture.
2. Spread popcorn in a large baking pan.
3. Bake in 350-degree oven for about 8 minutes or until crisp.
4. Serve warm if desired.

www.popcorn.org/NutritionRecipes/Recipes/tabid/67/Default.aspx

CRUNCHY POPCORN TRAIL MIX

Yield: 9 cups

Ingredients

- 5 cups popped popcorn
- 3 cups whole grain oat cereal

- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/3 cup peanuts (or other nuts)
- 1/3 cup sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 6 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup

Directions

1. Stir together popcorn, cereal, raisins and nuts in large microwavable bowl; set aside.
2. Combine butter, brown sugar and corn syrup in small saucepan.
3. Heat until boiling; cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Pour over popcorn mixture, stirring to coat evenly.
5. Microwave 3-4 minutes, stirring and scraping bowl after each minute.
6. Spread onto greased cookie sheet; cool.
7. Break into pieces and store in airtight container.

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