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Dufferin County shares tips to avoid a spooky climate footprint this fall

Dufferin County is encouraging residents to enjoy a climate-friendly fall

?Our seasonal traditions can create joy and connection, but can also lead to increased waste and energy consumption,? says Sara MacRae, Climate and Energy Manager, Dufferin County. ?This fall, we encourage everyone carve out space for climate-friendly traditions that celebrate the season and honour our planet?.

Dufferin County's Climate Action and Waste teams have easy tips so we can have fun this fall, while avoiding a spooky climate footprint:

? Make nature-inspired arts and crafts! Collect fallen leaves and pinecones and express your creativity this fall.

? Use energy-efficient lighting! LED candles and solar-powered lights are great for creating that spooky ambiance.

? Have fun DIYing your seasonal décor! Get creative with DIY projects using recycled materials. Transform old jars into lanterns or ghosts from old sheets.

? Enjoy sustainable treats! Source locally grown pumpkins and make delicious, homemade pumpkin treats. Reduce waste and support local Dufferin farmers.

? Dress up in second-hand costumes! Consider thrifted or upcycled costumes. Give old outfits new life and reduce textile waste. Use our Clothes'ing the Loop map to find businesses, organizations and/or community donations bins near you!

? Compost your pumpkins! Residents can put pumpkins in their yard waste or beside their Green Bin. All decorations/candles should be removed before composting.