

Trick or Treat Guidelines

The Village of Libertyville has historically provided guidance on trick-or-treating hours for Halloween along with certain safety precautions. This provides residents with notice as to when trick-or-treaters will be in the neighborhoods. While we recommend against trick-or-treating this year the following are guidelines for those choosing to trick-or-treat.

Halloween 2020 comes with extra precautions. The Village has established trick-or-treat hours from 4-8 p.m. on October 31st with the understanding that parents and residents should utilize their own discretion to determine if trick-or-treating is an “at-risk” activity. To assist, the Village has developed guidance for participation in the tradition. The CDC considers trick-or-treating a high-risk activity.

We urge walkers and individuals passing out candy to keep these guidelines in mind:

- Do not participate in trick-or-treat if you or a member of your household is not feeling well; if you have recently returned from a hotspot state; if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results or know that you have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Turn on your porch light as the signal to welcome trick-or-treaters. If you do not wish to have trick-or-treaters to come to your home keep your porch light off during trick-or-treating hours.
- Face coverings should be worn by all participants over the age of two, including individuals passing out treats.
- Trick-or-Treat as a household, avoiding groups of others.
- Frequently use hand sanitizer and sanitize high touch points such as a doorbell. When possible, use a motion activated decoration to announce trick-or-treaters.
- Consider individually packaged treat bags rather than a communal candy bowl. Ask children what type of candy they would like in place of letting them take it themselves.
- Maintain at least 6 ft distance between groups. Where possible, mark walkways with tape or chalk to indicate distance markers and ask children to stand behind the line before opening the door.
- Instead of waiting at the doorway for trick-or-treaters, use a lawn area or driveway to maintain safe distances.
- Do not distribute homemade treats or fresh fruits.

