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City of Joliet Reminds Residents of Halloween “Trick or Treat” Hours and Safety Tips

The designated “Trick or Treating” hours in the City of Joliet for Friday, October 31, 2014, are 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

As you plan for a safe and happy Halloween, please keep in mind these safety tips:

- Houses wanting to be visited by “Trick or Treaters” should leave porch lights on.
- Parents should accompany all young children while “Trick or Treating”.
- “Trick or Treaters” should only visit houses and apartments of people they know.
- Children should take their treats home for parents to inspect before eating.
- Children should be reminded to walk, not run, between houses and use sidewalks when available.
- Remind children to practice caution when crossing the street and cross only at intersections when traffic is clear.
- Motorists should be careful and alert during and around these hours.
- Parents need to purchase, or make costumes, that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

To avoid a truly scary Halloween – think a house fire – avoid illuminating your carved pumpkins with real flames. According to the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), candles were to blame for more than $300 million in property damage between 2009 and 2011. Halloween poses a special risk because people tend to place jack-o-lanterns by their front door or in windows, where they can easily come in contact with flammable materials or get knocked over. For a similar look minus the danger, use battery-operated lights, like LED votives or the color changing pumpkin light below.

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Following these safety tips will ensure that we all have a safe and happy Halloween.

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