

FLEMINGTON BOROUGH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



100 Main Street
Flemington, NJ 08822

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

Children and Families are encouraged to trick or treat on Sunday, October 31, 2021, between the hours of 4:00PM – 8:00 PM.

Residents may stop by the Flemington Police Department to pick up their Trick-or-Treat Signs, or call 908-782-3434.

The Candy Assistance Program will be available again to residents participating on Broad and Bonnell Streets.

FLEMINGTON BOROUGH POLICE AND OEM GUIDELINES FOR TRICK-OR-TREAT 2021 DUE TO THE CONCERNS OF THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Borough of Flemington encourages families to again celebrate Halloween safely this year in light of ongoing health concerns due to ongoing concerns of COVID-19. As we saw in during Halloween in 2020 with the proper precautions, everyone can enjoy a safe and spooky celebration.

Not all families will feel comfortable participating in trick-or-treating this year; teach children not to ring the doorbell if a light is not on.

In 2020 The Borough of Flemington has added an additional safeguard to help identify those homes that are participating in trick-or-treating. Again, this year we ask residents to display their signs. Every home with an Orange Trick-or-Treat sign on their front lawn or porch has agreed to participate in trick-or-treating. Signs will still be provided free of charge by the Flemington Police Department.

Participating in trick-or-treating is a personal choice for each family, and neighbors may choose differently from others based on their own comfort levels. All trick-or-treaters - young and the young at heart! - are encouraged to be respectful of their neighbors' decisions to participate in trick-or-treating or not. Should your family choose to trick-or-treat, please carefully review the guidelines below:

- Do not participate in trick-or-treating if you are feeling unwell, if someone in your house is unwell, if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results, if you have recently returned from travel to a hotspot state, or if you know that you have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Turn on your porch lamp or outdoor lights to show that your home is welcoming trick-or-treaters.
- Consider using a motion-activated noise maker to notify you when trick-or-treaters are at the door, such as a motion activated Halloween decoration, rather than having trick-or-treaters ring the doorbell, which can be a high touch-point.
- Face coverings should be worn by all participants over the age of two, including individuals passing out treats.



This is a sample of the sign you will see displayed by residents participating in Trick-or-Treat 2021 in Flemington Borough

- Avoid close contact with others by leaving candy on your porch – or even socially-distanced on your lawn (see below for a list of ideas)! Instead of manning the door, man the windows and wave at kids as they visit.
- If you would prefer to answer the door to greet children individually, pass out candy instead of inviting children to take a treat from a communal bowl. Ask children to tell you their choice of a treat, rather than taking it themselves.
- If preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags.
- Individuals should use hand sanitizer regularly throughout the trick or treat hours.
- Do not trick-or-treat in groups with others; trick-or-treat as a household.
- Maintain a safe distance from other trick-or-treating groups, and do not approach a house until the previous group has left.
- Consider distributing treats other than candy, which parents can then sanitize before giving to kids: stickers in cellophane packaging, pencils, mini pumpkins, erasers, etc.
- Please refrain from distributing coins or cash.
- Please do not distribute homemade treats or fresh fruits.

CREATIVE WAYS TO DISTRIBUTE TREATS

If you would like to avoid trick-or-treaters coming to your door, but would still like to participate, consider passing out treats using the following socially-distanced ideas:

- Host a “trunk or treat”. Instead of inviting trick-or-treaters to come to your door, decorate your car and place candy in the open trunk for children to take. Note: the CDC classes a "trunk or treat" event as a higher-risk activity.
- Create a grab-bag candy walk on your lawn: place candy inside recyclable paper lunch bags so each child can simply pick up a bag of treats.
- Hang treats from a clothesline at children’s height.
- Mark a safe distance from your door using chalk and ask children to stand behind the line before you open the door to pass out candy.

HALLOWEEN FACE COVERINGS

Per the CDC, a Halloween costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask or face covering. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.

The CDC does not recommend that individuals wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask, because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, the CDC urges individuals to wear a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

As a reminder, no one should participate in these activities if they or a household member have a known exposure to COVID-19, are sick/symptomatic, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not yet met the criteria for discontinuing isolation.

