

1 Real Estate Advisor

Homeowner's Halloween Horrors?

Not if you follow these Safety Tips

As Halloween creakingly creeps around the cobwebbed-corner, many of our thoughts will be on decorating, pumpkin-carving and costume-making. But, before the parade of ghosts and witches comes knocking on your door, here's a helpful list of things that you can do to keep your home and yard safe for all those anxious trick-or-treaters.

- Clear your yard of ladders, hoses, leashes, flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires and anything that could cause someone to trip.
- Be sure to keep your outdoor steps, porch and walkways well-lit.
- If you do use candles, keep them away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations can't blow into a flaming candle.
- Consider fire safety when decorating. Don't overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects.
- Remind all household drivers to remain cautious and drive slowly through the community.



Don't Let Your Pets Get Spooked!

Halloween can be a traumatic -- even dangerous -- experience for some pets. Here are some sensible tips to protect your pet on Halloween:

- Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween. To a menacing prankster, an unguarded pet could be an easy target.
- Halloween candy is not for pets. Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and foil or cellophane wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- Be careful that pets can't knock over a lit pumpkin. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned.
- Don't dress your pet in costume unless you know he loves it. Otherwise, it puts a lot of stress on the animal.
- If you do dress your pet, make sure the costume isn't constricting, annoying or unsafe.
- All but the most social dogs should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treating hours -- too many strangers in unusual costumes can be scary for a dog.
- Be careful your cat or dog doesn't dart out through the open door.

Birds Like Hand-outs, too!

Feeding birds in the autumn and winter is rewarding and fun! Following are some helpful hints for satisfying our hungry feathered friends:

Bird Feeding n' Seeding Tips

Black oil and striped sunflower seeds attract the greatest diversity of seed-eating birds to your yard. Sunflower chips are more expensive but eliminate messy sunflower shells. Safflower is a white seed which squirrels and blackbirds don't eat but cardinals, chickadees, red-bellied woodpeckers, mourning doves and others will eat. The more expensive thistle seed is used to attract gold finches, house finches and purple finches. Mourning dove, junco and some sparrows will also eat thistle from a ground feeder or hopper. Peanuts in the shell and peanut pieces are especially attractive to jays, woodpeckers, nuthatches, titmice and chickadees. Roasted, no salt and no sugar, are the healthiest peanuts for feeding birds. Birds will even eat peanut butter! Spread peanut butter onto large pine cones, sprinkle bird seed over the cone and then hang it from a tree branch. The same birds that like peanuts also like suet or beef kidney fat. Both are high energy foods and are best during winter months. Whole kernel corn is eaten by blue jays, woodpeckers (and squirrels), while many ground-feeding birds prefer cracked corn. Be aware that cracked corn will rot when wet and that many mammals like to feed on corn.



LINDSEY REALTY, Debra Lindsey, Broker
P O Box 777
Shreveport, LA 71162



LINDSEY REALTY,
Debra Lindsey, Broker, 0995690271
LINDSEY REALTY
P O Box 777
Shreveport, LA 71162

FAX 800.406.2665
318.990.2737
lindseyrealty@gmail.com
www.lindseyrealty.us



Copyright 2015 Lindsey Realty. If you have a brokerage relationship with another agency, this is not intended as a solicitation. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Equal Opportunity Housing Provider. Locally owned and operated, full-service, real estate brokerage and property management firm. Licensed by the Louisiana Real Estate Commission.

High Tech, High Touch, High Performance!