

5 WAYS TO TURN HALLOWEEN CANDY



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My daughter gets tons of candy when she goes trick-or-treating. Some families like to dole it out a piece a day so it last for months. That's too much temptation for me to have around. I want it all gone quickly! Here's how we use it up in a flash.



Breakfast treat

The morning after Halloween is a special breakfast feast. I make up a batch of waffle batter and we all add our choice of candies to the batter. We then top the waffles with more whipped cream and more candy. No, it isn't healthy, but it's a treat that only occurs once a year. Bragging rights go to the most outrageous waffle. My husband's "nerd" filled waffle is the current champion.



Brownies, cookies and cupcakes

Chop candy and add to batter for brownies, cookies and cupcakes. Use the candy in place of traditional chocolate chips. I place chocolate bars on top of cupcakes as soon as they come out of the oven. The warm cupcakes melt the chocolate. I then spread it with a knife as the icing.



Candy Sushi

Roll rice crispy treats thin with a rolling pin. Put candy inside and roll up. Wrap the rolls in green fruit rollups and then slice. My daughter likes to put Swedish fish inside the rolls for an "authentic" looking sushi roll.

Fudge



We make this leftover candy fudge for my father-in-law. He looks forward to it all year. Throw about a pound of chocolate candy bars in a microwave safe bowl. Melt it in twenty second increments, stirring in between. Stir in a can of sweetened condensed milk when chocolate is melted. Spread it out in a large rectangular pan and chill in the refrigerator until hardened. Hershey, Reese cups, Snickers, York and Milky Way are a few of the candies we've turned into fudge. We always have an assortment of types of candy in the batch.



Ice cream social

I let my daughter have a slumber party a week or two after Halloween. I put out all of the leftover candy and all of the other treats we've made. I give the girls each a bowl with a scoop of vanilla ice cream in it and let them go wild with the toppings. Yes, it's a crazy night full of giggles, but the sweets are almost always gone by the end of it!

Feasting on candy right after Halloween and then being done with it keeps it special. My daughter enjoys these traditions more than the actual trick-or-treating.