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## Keeping Your Pumpkins Looking Great Throughout October

While we prefer to prepare our pumpkins with a roofing theme - we know that you likely prefer more traditional Jack-o-Lanterns and pumpkin displays to keep your home looking festive.

But sometimes, those pumpkins seem to go bad too quickly. Here are some quick tips to keep your pumpkins looking fresh all October long!

- **Clean Your Pumpkin Well** - If you are keeping your pumpkins fully intact, cleaning the outside with water and just a tiny bit of bleach (1 tablespoon bleach per quart of water) will make it rot less quickly.

- **Clean and Dry Jack-O-Lanterns** - If you are going to carve up your pumpkins, gut your pumpkin as usual. But before you prepare your design, clean your pumpkin inside and out with the same cleaning solution from above and let it dry completely before you begin your carving. This reduces mold growth, which can quickly turn a happy face jack-o-lantern into a spooky face.
  - **Consider Other Art Options** - Even with all of the cleaning and preparation, once you pierce your pumpkin it will deteriorate more quickly. Consider using glue / glitter / paint and other art products to create a unique design that will last longer than any carved pumpkin.
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## Spooky! Scary Roof Stories

Nothing can send shivers up your spine faster than noticing water dripping from your discolored, sagging ceiling. The National Roofing Contractors Association acknowledges this nightmare and suggests inspecting your roof biannually, in the spring and fall, to avoid roof leaks and the problems that follow them.

- *Shrinking and Warping* - Shingles, like a witch's complexion, may buckle or warp over time. These changes in your roof indicate that repairs should be made because the shrinking and warping of the shingles can cause leaks and destabilize roofing components that may come off during severe weather events.
- *Rising Energy Bills* - If you are experiencing a roof leak, water is not your only concern. As the water drips through the ceiling, cold air escapes in the summer and hot air escapes in the winter, taking your money along with it.
- *Mold and Mildew* - We expect to see mold and mildew on zombies and other ghouls, not on our ceilings, in our gutters, and on our roofs. Moist roof layers and insulation and clogged gutters can harbor mold and mildew that may spread throughout the building and vents to settle on carpet, furniture, and clothing. Mold and mildew can cause serious health problems, including asthmatic symptoms and allergic reactions.
- *Animals and Pests* - Roof damage is an open invitation for large insects, raccoons, rodents, and other creepy crawlies.
- *Safety Hazard* - Roof damage can produce the growth of mold and mildew that compromises your health and, if unacknowledged, can cause a roof to collapse.
- *Decreased Property Value* - If a severe roof leak occurs and is not repaired quickly, you risk losing property value and becoming the haunted house on the block.

Detect and solve roofing problems quickly to avoid a roof leak horror story and limit damage and expense.

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