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Stay local and Green this Halloween & use up those apples in a sweet way.

Nottinghamshire County Council and their waste management contractors, Veolia Environmental Services are encouraging Nottinghamshire residents to support their local farmers markets, shops and producers when choosing apples for bobbing or turning into toffee apples. Nothing beats the crunch of a toffee apple on a crisp autumnal evening and it's a fantastic way to use up any apples that haven't made it into the crumble.

To continue our Love Food Hate Waste campaign this is a special treat for Autumn, toffee apples are perfect for Halloween & bonfire night.

These will take roughly 10 mins to prepare and 20 mins to cook.

We strongly advise that these be cooked by an adult as sugar gets very hot and burns, once the sugar cools children love them.

What you'll need:

- 6 locally sourced apples & sticks – washed and dried ice-lolly sticks work well
- Baking parchment or a lightly oiled tray
- A saucepan (non stick works best)
- A measuring jug
- A sugar thermometer if you have one.

For the toffee coating:

- 250g sugar (golden caster or demerara work best)
- 110 ml water
- ½ a teaspoon of vinegar

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2 table spoons of golden syrup

Knob of butter (roughly 25g)

1. Place the washed & dried apples on a sheet of baking parchment or a lightly oiled tray.
2. Place the apples carefully in a bowl (or one at a time in your measuring jug) of boiling water (this removes the waxy coating & helps the toffee to stick). Dry thoroughly and push in the lolly sticks.
3. Dissolve the sugar in the water over a medium heat. When it has dissolved, (after roughly 5 mins) stir in the vinegar, syrup and butter. Bring to a boil and cook without stirring until it reaches hard-crack stage (138C). If you don't have a thermometer you can test the toffee by dropping a small amount into a jug of cold water. It should harden instantly and, when removed, be brittle and easy to break. This should take around 10 minutes boiling time.
If you can still squish the toffee, continue to boil it.
4. Once the toffee is ready working quickly and carefully, dip and twist each apple in the hot toffee until covered, then place on the baking parchment or tray to harden. You may have to heat the toffee a little if the temperature drops and it starts to feel thick and viscous. Leave the toffee to cool before eating. Can be made up to 2 days in advance, store in a dry place.

You can email us your photos to: victoria.moore@veolia.co.uk Or send us a tweet with your photo @Veolia_ES_UK

Eco-friendly trick or treaters:

When the little ghosts and goblins in your family go trick-or-treating this Halloween, make sure they carry reusable bags or containers that don't need to be thrown away after they are used. We're offering 50 free re-usable bags this Halloween to all those Eco-friendly trick or treaters,



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Enter your details to claim your free bag:

<http://www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.co.uk/Nottinghamshire/Waste-and-the-Community/Win-a-treat-bag/>

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Notes to the Editor

Since 2006 Veolia Environmental Services, via a dedicated subsidiary, Veolia Environmental Services Nottinghamshire Ltd; has been helping Nottinghamshire County Council to manage household waste created in the County.

Over the life of the 26 year PFI waste management contract Veolia ES Nottinghamshire will help to increase recycling to 52% by 2020 / 21 and to significantly reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

To date, Veolia ES Nottinghamshire has:

- Provided waste awareness and education initiatives across the County

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- Provided a Materials Recovery Facility in Mansfield, which has the capacity to handle around 85,000 tonnes per year of mixed dry recyclables from Nottinghamshire households. This includes paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and metal tins / cans
- Established a new, split-level Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to serve Worksop
- Taken over the management of some of the County's Household Waste Recycling Centres, establishing a unified approach and increasing standards at the sites to help maximise recycling levels achieved
- Refurbished several of the HWRCs to make them more modern and user-friendly
- Used existing, planned, constructed and licensed landfill sites to take residual waste from Nottinghamshire households

In the future, Veolia ES Nottinghamshire plans to:

- Create a network of new transfer stations to serve Newark and Worksop
- Utilise existing sites at Giltbrook and south Nottingham to receive and handle waste and recyclables from Borough and District council collections
- Continue our long-term refurbishment programme of the HWRCs
- Construct an 180,000 tonne per year Energy Recovery Facility in the Mansfield / Ashfield area to convert residual waste into power. The 15MW of energy recovered from the energy recovery process would be the equivalent of providing power to around 22,000 homes
- Provide a new composting facility in central Nottinghamshire and to utilise other existing composting sites, to handle a total of 100,000 tonnes of green waste per year
- Continue providing waste awareness and education initiatives across the County, in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council

Veolia Environmental Services

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Veolia Environmental Services is the only global provider of a full range of services for handling hazardous and non-hazardous solid and liquid waste. It provides waste management and logistics services as well as materials recovery and recycling. Veolia Environmental Services generated revenue of €9.3 billion in 2010.

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Further information can be obtained by visiting the websites:

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