

Green Halloween: New Trends Unearthed + Eco-Friendly Finds

During the month of October, most people should have Halloween, pumpkin carving, apple picking, and other autumnal activities on the mind. But if you're a homeowner, you probably have a long list of other fall projects to complete, before you even start to think about trick or treat: raking leaves, de-cluttering the gutter, decorating the driveway, and even eliminating old, energy-wasting appliances.

In fact, CSN Stores, the third-largest e-retailer of home goods, predicts that more people than ever will use Halloween and the traditional holiday season this year to 'green' their homes and replace old accents with more efficient, eco-friendly finds. There are more eco-friendly alternatives this year than last – and many people will want to start off the new decade by becoming more eco-focused.

The analytics team at CSN Stores, which has the unique ability to track sales data across the entire home shopping landscape, recently unearthed these exciting, new eco-trends that point to a fresh season of greening:

1. **The Solution to Outdated Luggage Has Landed.** Eco-Friendly luggage is both functional and fashionable. Sales have seen a sharp spike, with more travelers expected to go the 'green route' this year. Between Aug. '08 and Aug. '09 sales were up over 150 percent.
2. **Eco-Finds for Four-Legged Friends.** There's an increasing variety of eco-friendly finds for pets this year and they're more popular than ever. Between Aug. '08 and Aug. '09, sales were up a whopping 80 percent in this category.
3. **Green Sleeping Is In.** Environmentally friendly wood and other sustainable materials have put the bedroom at the forefront of home greening and revitalization. Sales of eco-friendly bedroom furniture have seen an increase of 20 percent from Aug. '08 – Aug. '09.

CSN Stores carries a large selection of 'green items' and would be happy to provide additional sales trends, hot sellers, expert quotes, or high-res images. To make your home 'greening' headache-free, we've also included a list of our favorite eco-friendly finds:



1. Nordicware – [Halloween Reversible Halloween/Harvest Cookie Cutter Sheet](#) and [Halloween 3-D Cookie Cutter Set](#) – Nordicware firmly believes that sustainability is no longer an option; rather, it's a necessity. Over the years, they have perfected eco-friendly business methods that reduce waste, reuse materials, and still provide the highest quality items. (\$7.99-\$9.99, Cookware.com)



2. [Imperial Cat – Large Crocodile Cat Scratcher](#) – This gator gadget provides your cat with a natural scratching surface to keep claws honed and healthy. Made from 30 percent recycled material, this scratcher is also 100 percent recyclable. (\$24.99, CSNStores.com)



3. [Heys USA – Eco Case 3-Piece Luggage Set in Red](#) – This vibrant, stylish set is made from 100 percent recycled ABS plastic. Also available in Black, Pink, Turquoise, or Bronze finish. (\$333.99, Luggage.com)



4. [Snoozer – Eco-Friendly Pet Tote](#) – This adorable pet carrier is perfect for the eco-focused four-legged friend. It features enhanced ventilation, as well as padding, and is carry-on approved. (\$59.95, Luggage.com)



5. [Bamboo54 – Bamboo Folding Wine Rack](#) – A sustainable, stylish way to store your favorite wines. (\$29.99, JustWineRacks.com)



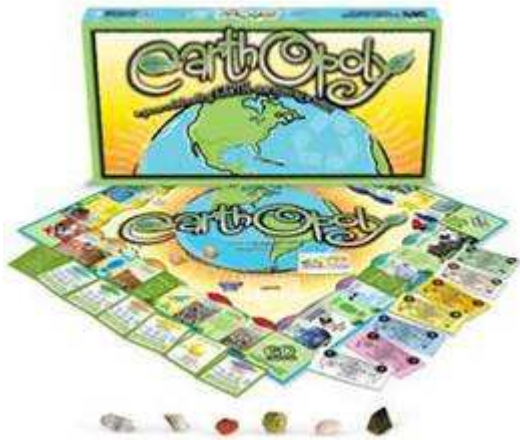
6. West Paw Design – [Eco Bone Dog Toy](#) and [Eco Slumber Four Patch Pet Bed](#) – Unique, high quality dog toys and pet beds for the pampered pooch. (\$17.50-\$156, CSNStores.com)



7. [Mio Culture – Beehive SoftBowl](#) - Designed to minimize environmental impact, the Beehive SoftBowl can be used as a storage container, planter cozy or a decoration that will liven any home or office. This bowl is produced by using less than one tenth of the energy needed to create ceramic pots. (\$39, AllModern.com)



8. [Traveler's Choice – Eco Traveler 2-Piece Expandable Carry-On Set](#) – Constructed of natural hemp canvas with dolphin print and eco-friendly PVC-foam for extra support and durability. (\$71.99, Luggage.com)



9. [Late for the Sky – Earth-opoly Board Game](#) - This Earth-themed property trading board game promotes sustainable living at a young, impressionable age. (\$24.95, CSNStores.com)



10. [Spot on Sqaure – Hiya Toddler Bed in Bamboo/White](#) - Designed by real parents who provide modern moms and dads with modern, eco-solutions for their toddlers. (\$625, BedroomFurniture.com)



11. [Vaughan-Bassett – Twilight Cherry Bedroom Set](#) – The ‘One For One’ Vaughn Bassett sustainability program is simple: For every tree they use, they replace it by planting another one. The twilight cherry collection is a classy mix of traditional and trendy design that is sure to add panache to any bedroom. (Starting at \$738, BedroomFurniture.com)