



With the fall holidays quickly approaching, we know you're busy making your homes look festive with pumpkins and gourds!

But when you're done with them, don't throw them away! They can be reused! Find the nearest wood, field, or forest, smash them open, and leave them for the wildlife to eat (but not ones that have been painted, sprayed, or have foreign objects stuck to it)!

Pumpkin is safe for animals such as deer to eat and the seeds even act as a dewormer! (If you don't have immediate access to a forest, you can always compost, give them to your local farmers or wildlife rehab facilities)!

Did you know that over 2.5 billion pumpkins get produced each year and only a fifth of those get reused? The pumpkins that get thrown in the trash just add unnecessary waste to landfills which creates methane gases that harm the environment. So, this holiday season, take your old pumpkins and gourds to the nearest forest, compost collector, wildlife rehab facility, or even local farm (sometimes farmers use them to feed their cows and pigs) to give your holiday decorations a new use!

