

GREATER HOUSTON

Things to Do

OCTOBER
2026

Carve a Pumpkin

The October tradition never fails to be enjoyable! Simply get yourself a few good pumpkins, get your carving tools and have some fun. It's also a great idea to roast the seeds afterwards!

housebeautiful.com/entertaining/holidays-celebrations/g2530/pumpkin-carving-ideas/

Visit a Pumpkin Patch

A trip to the local pumpkin patch is a pleasant way of celebrating the season, offering activities such as hayrides, corn mazes, and the opportunity to select the ideal pumpkin.

pumpkinpatchesandmore.org/TXhouston.php

Make a Costume

Make a Costume DIY and homemade are all the things this year—take a while to make your Halloween costumes yourself.

goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/halloween-ideas

Original Greek Festival

The Houston Original Greek Festival offers a celebration of Greek culture through authentic food, traditional music and dance as well as a vibrant marketplace. From October 1 to 3, 2026, experience a rich cultural atmosphere filled with food, entertainment and activities that are enjoyable for families. greekfestival.org

Baytown's Grito Fest Weekend

At Bicentennial Park on October 3rd Baytown will be hosting its annual Grito Fest, a free and family-oriented event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The festival will include live music, food, competitions. baytown.org/1007/Grito-Fest

Try a Healthy Halloween Recipe

Some of these recipes may sound a bit crazy. Mix it up a little and try out some of these cute Halloween-themed snacks that are sure to be tasty while also healthy.

activekids.com/food-and-nutrition/articles/16-healthy-halloween-treats-for-kids/slide-17



Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival

October 9th - 11th - Montgomery County Fairgrounds

The Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival is a vibrant celebration of Cajun culture, featuring delicious catfish dishes, live music, and fun activities. Enjoy a lively atmosphere with authentic food, engaging entertainment, and a variety of family-friendly attractions.

friendsofconroe.com/p/catfishfestival



Fall Cocktails

Now is the time to try some fall cocktails. Get the cinnamon, ciders, and other fall refreshments out to create a refreshing festive beverage.

foodandwine.com/cocktails-spirits/fall-cocktails

Ghost Coast Festival

From October 9 to 11, 2026, you can celebrate Galveston's eerie history by taking a pub crawl along the historic Strand, going on ghost tours, touring the cemeteries, having psychic readings, and visiting the festival market at the League Kempner Mansion.

ghostcoastfestival.com

Galveston Island Greek Festival

Join the celebration of Hellenic culture on October 10–11, 2026, at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church by enjoying authentic family recipes including gyros, souvlaki, pastries, Greek wine, music, and line dancing.

galvestongreekfestival.com



Go for a Hike

Go outside and take in the fresh autumn air by going on a local nature trail or making a trip to a nearby state park to go hiking in the fall!

tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/hiking-in-state-parks

League City Village Fair

Visit League City for a weekend that's suitable for families, with live music, food vendors, foam parties, a petting zoo, mini golf, and the Sunset Bazaar Vendor Fair.

leaguecitylions.org/village-fair

Rotate Your Wardrobe

It's time to put away your summer clothes and pull out the sweaters! When you change the items in your closet to suit the season, you gain more space and it becomes easier to find the clothes you like in the fall.



Print and Organize Photos

How long ago did you last sort through your photo collection? This fall, why not take some time to tidy up your digital photos, print out your favorite ones, and make a few additional copies for the holidays ahead?

Car Maintenance

Fall is a suitable time to look after your car as the temperatures begin to drop. Make sure to check the oil, the tires, the windshield wipers, and the battery so that you'll be ready for the cooler weather and the holiday road trips.



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