

// QUICK GUIDE FOR NEIGHBOURS

Your Halloween night,planned.

A free map of every house handing out treats, with walking routes to plan your night. Works on any phone. Nothing to install.

Saturday, October 31

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Open the map

Scan the code below, or go to braddoestech.ca/halloween
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Put the map on your home screen

iPhone:

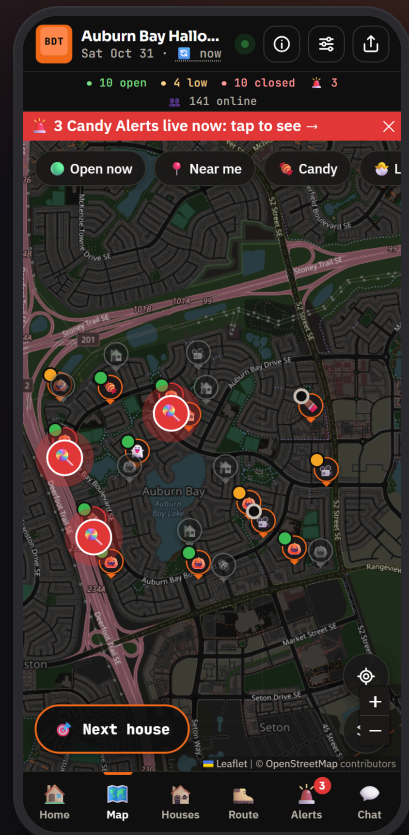
tap Share, then Add to Home Screen.

Android:

tap the : menu, then Install app. The map then opens like an app, and iPhones need this step to receive Candy Alerts.
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Allow location (optional)

This lets the map show the houses near you and guide your walk. Your location stays on your phone unless you choose to share your location.



The live map. A green dot means a house is handing out treats.

Scan to open

Free • no account • no ads

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Practice period

Until a few days before Halloween, everyone can try out the map. Practice houses, chat and groups are deleted before the big night. **Hosts:** tick **Keep my house** when you add your house, and your house stays on the map for Halloween night.

Trick-or-treating?

Pages 2 and 3: find houses, plan your walk and get Candy Alerts.

Out in a group, or at home?

Page 4: find each other on the map, or follow a walk from the couch.

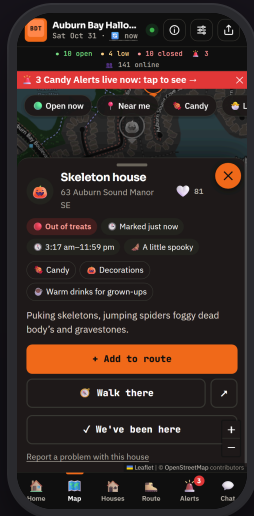
Handing out treats?

Page 5: put your house on the map and post Candy Alerts.

Just want the basics? Everything beyond the map and your walking route is optional. Turn on **Basic mode** (Home → Quick settings, the last switch) and chat, Candy Alerts, live numbers and groups all switch off.

Find the good houses

Every house has its own icon (pumpkins, candy, ghosts, film reels). Tap an icon to see that house's details.



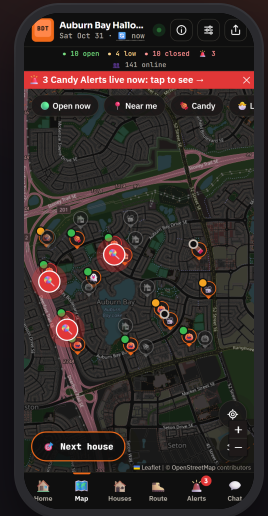
House details

The dots

- Handing out treats
- Running low
- Out of treats
- Done for the night
- Hollow ring: no update yet

The dot on each icon is that host's live status on Halloween night.

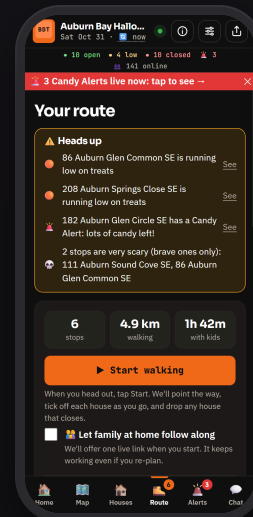
- **House details:** photos, treats on offer, how scary, and the hours that house is open.
- **Closed?** A red CLOSED stamp means the house is done for the night, so you can skip that house.
- **Filter the map:** show only candy, scares, little ones, allergy-friendly or houses near you.



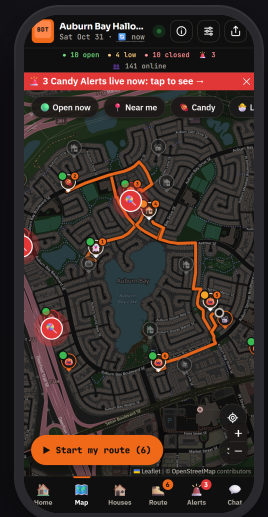
The map

Plan your route, then walk it

- 1 Pick your houses**
On the Route tab, tap **Help me choose** and tell the map how long you have, or tap **Let me choose the houses**. You can also tap **+ Add to route** on any house.
- 2 Make your route**
On the map, tap **Make my route**. This button appears as soon as you have picked a house. The map puts your houses in a walking order and draws the path.
- 3 Change your mind any time**
Add or remove a house and the route is worked out again. Once you have started walking, a new house slots in at the spot that adds the least walking.
- 4 Walk it**
Tap **Start walking**. Your current leg is green and finished legs fade. Tap the next-stop card at the bottom for turn-by-turn steps. A house that closes drops off your route.



Your route



On the map

Good to know

- The map ticks a house off for you once you have stayed about 20 seconds and walked on. A message lets you undo it, or you can tap ✓ to tick a house off yourself.
- Skipped ahead? Tap **Re-order the rest from here** and the map sorts your remaining houses nearest-first.
- Curious about another house? Tap that house. Your route pauses, then picks up again when you close its details. **Walk there** makes a one-off trip, and **Continue route** brings you back to your route.

Candy Alerts

When a house has lots of candy left, the host can tell everyone nearby. Alerts go live on Halloween night.

Want to get them? (families out, or at home)

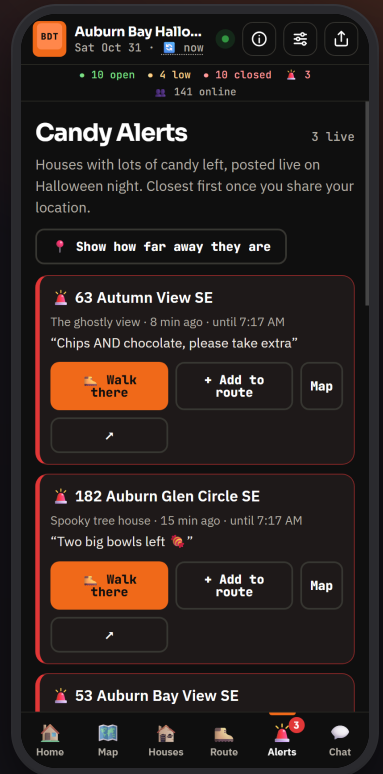
- 1 Open the **Alerts** tab (the 🚨 at the bottom of the map).
- 2 Tap **Notify my phone**, or type your email and tap **Sign up**. On iPhone, add the map to your home screen first.
- 3 Optional: choose to hear only about houses near you, and to beep when you are close to one.

Hosting, with candy to spare? Post an alert

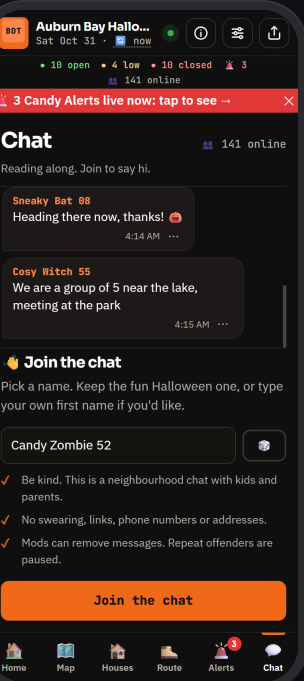
- 1 Open your house page (Home → My house, or your private link).
- 2 Tap **Lots left? Post a Candy Alert**, choose how long it should last and add a short message.
- 3 Out of candy? Tap **All gone!** to end the alert.

On the Alerts tab

The closest alerts come first. Tap **Walk there** for directions, or **+ Add to route** to add that house to your walk.



The Alerts tab



The Chat tab

Neighbourhood chat

A friendly place to share the night. You chat under a fun Halloween name, or pick your own family-friendly name.

- Share a photo, your route or where you are with the **+** button.
- **Family friendly:** swearing, links and phone numbers are blocked, and mods remove anything that is not friendly.
- You only chat while the map is open. Messages are deleted after a few days.

Need a hand?

Type **@BradDoesTech** in the chat and Brad gets an alert straight away. For emergencies, always call **911**.

Meet-up groups: keep your crew together

For families who might split up. Everyone in the group shows as an icon on the map.

1 Start the group

Tap **Home** → **Meet-up group**. Name the group (like "The Smith Crew"), pick your name and icon, then tap **Start the group & send the invite**.

2 Invite your people

Send the invite link by text or message. Each person taps the link, picks a name and icon, and taps **Join & share my location**. A group holds up to 12 people.

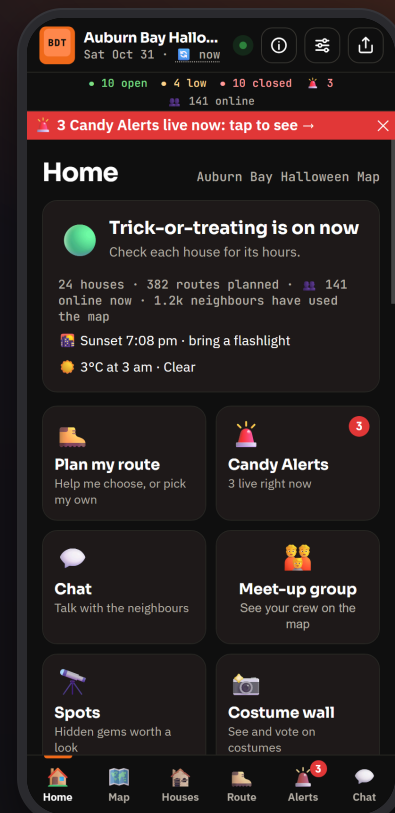
3 Share your location

Say yes when your phone asks. Keep the map open so your icon keeps moving. Tap **Find** next to a name to jump to that person.

4 Pick a meet-up spot

In the group window, type a label (like "The Smith Spot"), then tap **Right here** or **Tap the map**. Everyone gets a chime and a buzz, a 📍 on the map and a **Walk there** button. Turn on **Buzz my phone for new meet-up spots** to hear about a spot even when the map is closed.

🔒 Only people with your invite can see you. Locations are deleted when you leave, or after 6 hours. Each group also has its own private chat.



Home: start a group, take the tour, find help

At home? Follow the walk

Grandparents, partners or anyone who wants to watch the night unfold.

For the person walking

- 1 On the Route tab, switch on **Let family at home follow along**.
- 2 Tap **Start walking**. The map offers you a link to send by text or message.
- 3 Sharing keeps working even if you change your route.

For the person at home

- 1 Open the link on any phone or computer. No app, no account.
- 2 You will see the walker's dot move on the map, updating live.
- 3 Following stops when the walker stops sharing. Want Candy Alerts too? Sign up on the Alerts tab.

Weak signal on the night?

Cell service gets crowded when everyone is out. Open **Home** and tap **Save map for offline** once, on Wi-Fi, and the map and houses still open without a signal. Your route and settings already stay on your phone. The 📶 next to the date shows how recent the map's information is.

Put your house on the map

It takes about a minute. No account needed.

1 Add your house

Open the map, then tap **Home** → **Add my house**. Pick what kids will find and the hours your house is open. Photos are optional. During the practice period, tick **Keep my house on the map for Halloween night** to keep your house.

2 Keep your private link

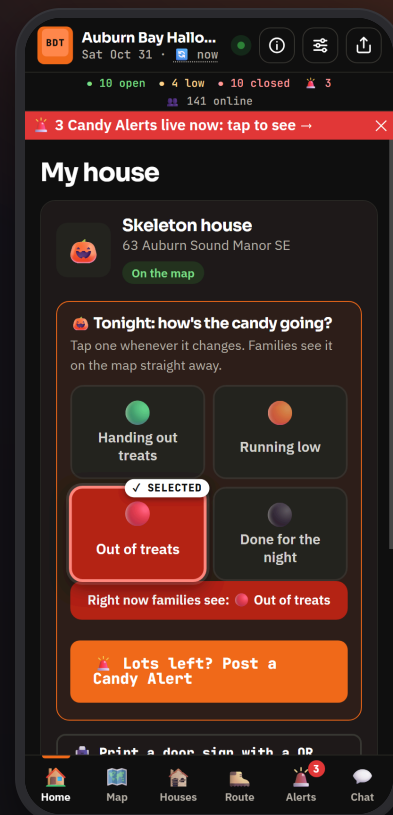
Add your email and the link is sent to you right away. The link opens your house page, where you manage everything below. Turn on **Remind me on the night** and your phone gets a nudge before the night starts.

3 On Halloween night, tap how the candy is going

Handing out · **Running low** · **Out** · **Done**. Families see your change within about half a minute. The button you chose lights up.

4 Lots of candy left late?

Tap **Lots left? Post a Candy Alert**, and families who signed up get a buzz.



Your house page and status buttons

Print a door sign

On your house page, tap **Print a door sign with a QR code**. The sign shows your house name, what you are offering, your hours and your description, so trick-or-treaters can scan the code to open the map. You reach your house page through your private link, which is emailed to you when you sign up.

Be a good neighbour

- Walk in groups and carry a flashlight.
- Porch light on means treats. Turn it off when you are done.
- Stay on sidewalks and cross at corners.

Quick answers

- **Cost?** Free. **Account?** No.
- **Lost your private link?** Tap "Lost your private link?" on the Add house page.
- **Stuck?** Tap Home → Help & FAQ, or type @BradDoesTech in the chat.

See you on the map! 🍁

Share the map link in your street group, so more houses join the fun.
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