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## The Living Dead



Make 6-10 tombstones and have them positioned around the front yard. For added effect, include old sections of picket fence painted a weathered gray and white. Add an overhead sign "Bones-R-Us." Have one to three helpers costumed as corpses lie on the ground hidden and covered in leaves. When the trick-or-treaters ring the doorbell, the porch light flickers, then goes off. A loud sound effect of thunder comes on, while a camera strobe is flashed. Then a loud voice comes over the sound system saying, "We've been waiting for you... for a long time." A strobe light illuminates the yard. The corpses come to life slowly out of their graves, each with a shovel, staggering toward the kids, while sound effects of Halloween moans and groans continue. If you don't mind messing up your front yard, dig a shallow open grave with dirt piled to the side, and a tombstone saying, "Room for one more!" Warn your helpers hiding in open graves to watch for stray dogs.

**Note:** This trick should be avoided in neighborhoods with a high percentage of mortician homeowners, all they'll do is to try to give out their business cards, or worse yet, steal your corpses.

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