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Pam and Bill Mitchell have 96 Halloween-themed inflatables in their yard in Eden Prairie.

## Lighting up Halloween

*A whimsical wonderland of 96 inflatable decorations*

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**Y**ou don't have to hire professionals to create a spectacular Halloween yard display, but if your extravaganza involves 96 inflatable figurines, it helps to have some expertise in engineering.

That's how Pam and Bill Mitchell – a married couple and mechanical and electrical engineers, respectively – have made their annual wonderland of whimsical inflatables work every year without blowing out a fuse. The Eden Prairie duo have filled their yard with cheerful pumpkins, looming dragons, friendly zombies and pop culture characters for two decades, drawing neighbors of all ages to take a stroll past what's known as "the Halloween house," as Bill said their yard is often called.



The Mitchells credit their haunted Viking ship with helping the Minnesota Vikings to more than a few wins.

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