



Be Bear Smart!

Keep all potential food sources out of reach

✓ Store garbage securely in a safe location

Keep all garbage in air-tight bags, freeze fish remains, put out trash on morning of pickup, use bear resistant containers or enclose in a secure area or locked dumpster.

✓ Feed birds only in winter, or hang feeders 15' off the ground

Bird food such as sunflower seed and hummingbird mix are among the strongest bear attractants. Only feed the birds in the winter when bears are not present, or hang feeders out of reach.

✓ Don't feed wild animals like squirrels, raccoon or deer

Just as bird seed attracts bears, so do other kinds of food like fruit.

✓ Feed pets indoors and store pet food indoors

Pet food can attract bears to your property. If you must feed pets outside, be sure to bring pet food and dishes indoors afterward – especially at night.

✓ Pick ripe fruit from trees and from the ground

The sweet smell of ripe fruit is irresistible for a bear. If you have just a few trees, remove fruit regularly. Consider electric fencing for larger orchards.

✓ Install electric fencing to protect beehives and poultry

Chickens, and beehives with their tempting honey, are frequent targets for bears.

✓ Clean the barbecue after each use and store securely

Burn off all food residue or wash your barbecue thoroughly after each use. Store it in a secure place.

✓ Bring food and ice chests indoors at night

Bears can smell a meal from a mile away! This includes wrapped foods in closed ice chests.

✓ Don't put oil, grease, dairy products, meat, bones, or fruit in the compost

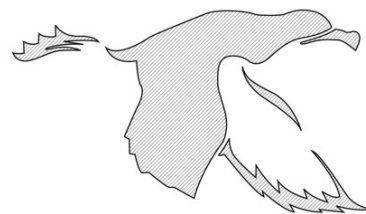
These items are powerful attractants for bears looking for high-calorie foods. Eliminating them also helps reduce odors.

✓ Reduce compost odors by adding lime

Covering compost with leaves, soil and grass also helps reduce odors.

✓ If a bear shows up in your yard, stay indoors until it leaves: never approach a wild bear

Although they are seldom dangerous, bears are wild animals and are unpredictable. Keep your distance! Report unusual bear activity to local authorities.



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How can Western Wildlife Outreach's *Bear Smart* Program Help You and Your Community?

- We will help your community become a "Bear Smart" community by meeting with your neighbors, identifying bear attractants in your neighborhood, and helping you implement solutions such as working with your local waste hauler to provide bear resistant containers where needed.
- We can provide signs, brochures and other materials for your community.
- We can give programs to community groups, at libraries and schools or other events or venues utilizing the Bear Education and Outreach Trailer as shown below.



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