

PLEASE BE BEAR SMART

Each homeowner has a responsibility to minimize bear attractants around their homes. Once bears experience a food source, they will return and teach their young to return as well. Please review the following tips and take action on items that apply to your residence, especially for the months of September through November.



Tips to help reduce bear attractants at home:

- Store garbage indoors and/or freeze odour-producing garbage until collection day. Never put garbage totes out the night before collection.
- Wash all recyclables to reduce odours; keep recyclables indoors until collection day or inside a garage if possible.
- Ensure compost bins/piles have plenty of carbon (leaves or paper) and mix oxygen in weekly to aid in quick composting. Consider freezing compost materials until December.
- Remove bird feeders; return them outdoors in December.
- Do not keep freezers, fridges or coolers outside.
- Keep the drip tray and grill of your BBQ clean, or store inside a garage if possible.
- Feed pets indoors or remove unfinished pet food from outside feeding dishes.
- Remove fruit from trees as soon as they ripen or remove from the ground as soon as it falls. Consider removal of fruit trees or berry bushes if you do not harvest them.



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