

TIPS FOR PREVENTING UNWANTED BEAR ENCOUNTERS

- Enclose garbage in an airtight plastic bag and place in a bear-proof or bear-resistant garbage can. Keep the cans outside and not in the garage. Keep the garbage can clean.
- Keep meat and fish frozen until discarding into trash.
- Double-bag dirty baby diapers and use lime to reduce odors.
- Remove attractants from your property.
- Feed birds only between November and April when most bears are denning. Birdfeeders should be strung at least 12' high between sturdy posts or trees, well out of reach of climbing bears. Clean up birdseed that falls to the ground. If you must store birdseed, grass seed or pet food in your garage, please keep them in airtight containers. Keep your garage doors closed.
- Do not put sweets, meat, fish in compost. Use lime to reduce odors.
- Clean barbecue grills after each use. Dispose of grease.
- Rinse food containers before putting into trash or recycling.
- Remove pet food from decks, kennels, and cages. Feed pets indoors.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Do not leave groceries or other attractants in your vehicle.
- Use electric fencing to protect caged and penned pets, farmed animals and beehives.
- Use aversive-conditioning tactics to scare bears off property. Loud noises from air horns, marine whistles, or banging pots and pans can scare bears away.
- Blast bears with a spray from the garden hose or a super-soaker water gun.
- Dominance posturing and vocalizations on your part teach bears to fear you.
- Comply with the law. Never intentionally or unintentionally feed bears!

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