

7 tips to keep people and bears safe

The most effective action you can take to prevent conflicts between people and bears is to manage garbage and other attractants properly. Here are 7 tips to get you started:



1. Never feed or approach bears. Don't encourage a bear to come close to people – it's not safe for you or the bear. And remember, it's against the law to feed a bear or any other dangerous wildlife. If a bear is on your property, make loud noises to scare it away.



2. Secure food, garbage, and recycling. Food odours attract bears. And once they've been rewarded with food, liquids, or garbage, bears will keep coming back. Secure your food and freezers, as well as garbage, green waste, and recycling carts, inside a bear-resistant enclosure. Bears can break into cars and sheds. On your waste collection day, set out your carts for pick-up no earlier than 5:30am.



3. Remove bird feeders. Bears love bird seed and suet. Put feeders out only in winter, when bears are less active.



4. Feed pets indoors. Pet food attracts bears as well as rodents. Keep it indoors.



5. Clean and store grills. The grease and fat from outdoor cooking is irresistible to bears. Clean grills and drip pans immediately after using and keep where bears can't see or smell them.



6. Garden with care. Remove ripe and fallen fruit immediately and keep it indoors. When choosing new plants or trees, avoid types that are known to attract bears. Consult our Preferred Plant List, available at portmoody.ca.



7. Talk to your neighbours. Let your neighbours know if you see a bear. Share this tip sheet with them so they can avoid attracting bears onto their property.



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to avoid a \$500 fine**

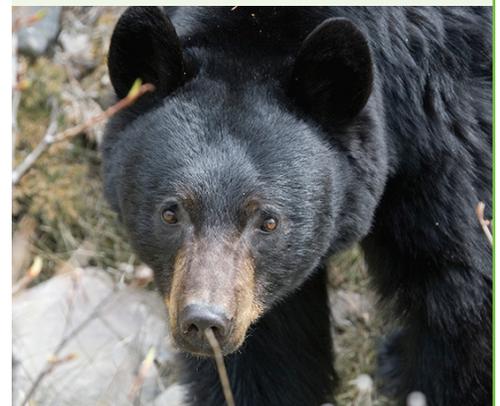
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**If you see a bear, call the B.C.
Conservation Officer Service (C.O.S.)
at 1.877.952.7277.**

Early and proactive intervention can help to adjust a bear's behaviour before it loses its fear of humans or becomes dependent on human-supplied food.

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