



Bear-Proofing your yard

When bears associate food with humans, they lose their natural fear of humans and tolerate them in closer proximity than what is safe – for bears and people.

When you don't take precautions with things that attract bears, such as household waste, you create a safety risk for yourself and others in your community.

Here is what you can do:



Secure garbage

- Store garbage in a secure building or buy a bear-resistant container.
- Only put bin out on the morning of collection.
- Wash all recycling items and regularly clean garbage or recycling bins.
- Freeze smelly items.



Bird feeders

- Avoid using bird feeders (including hummingbird feeders), in areas that bears frequent.
- Only use bird feeders in the winter when bears are hibernating and natural bird food is limited.



Pet food

- Avoid leaving pet food accessible to wildlife.
- If pets are fed outside, ensure all food is cleaned up.
- Store pet food in a secure location or bear-resistant container.



Compost bins

- Do not add fish, meat, fat, oils, un-rinsed eggshells or any cooked food.
- Avoid overloading the compost during fruit season.
- Try freezing materials and adding gradually.



Barbecues

- Clean BBQ after each use, including the grease trap.
- Cover your BBQ or store it in a garage or shed.

The best way to avoid conflict with bears is to remove all food sources.

Help keep everyone safe!

Anyone who finds themselves in a potentially dangerous situation with a bear or large predator should contact their local Ministry of Environment office or call Saskatchewan's 24-hour TIPP line at 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 for SaskTel subscribers on their cell phones.