

Food Storage and Sanitation Order

Shoshone & Bridger-Teton National Forests

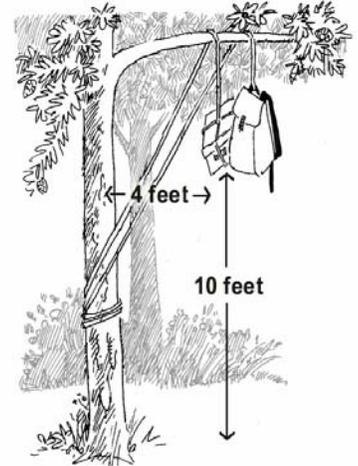
Your safety is important

This food storage order was created to help keep you and other forest visitors safe by avoiding encounters with bears and preventing bears from being attracted to campgrounds, trailheads, picnic sites and other areas frequented by people.

All food and other items that might attract bears must be stored where bears can't access them at night and during the daytime when they are unattended. Attended means that a person is physically present within 100 feet and in direct sight of the food or carcass.

These items must be properly stored

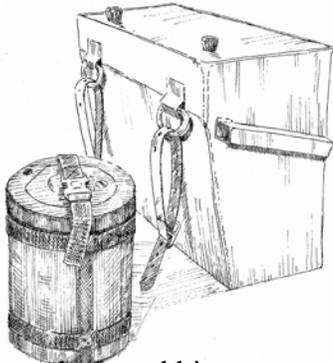
Human food, (including canned food, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages), harvested game animals and parts, pet food, processed livestock feed and grains and personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and deodorants. This also includes garbage and empty food and beverage containers.



Proper storage methods

Proper storage methods include placing food and other items in bear resistant containers or hard-sided vehicles or suspending them at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet from any vertical support.

Bear resistant containers



Bear resistant containers include the heavy metal boxes placed in campgrounds and other approved containers such as bear resistant horse panniers and backpackers' containers that are certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program.

NOTE: Plastic or metal food coolers, backpacks and leather or canvas horse panniers are **NOT** bear resistant.

Storing game meat and parts

Properly stored big game animals and parts must be at least 100 yards from a sleeping area, recreation site or National Forest System Trail. Game meat left unattended on the ground must be at least one-half mile away from any sleeping area or recreation site and at least 200 yards from a National Forest System Trail. Small game (birds and mammals) and fish should be stored in a similar manner to other food products

Meat and food poles

Poles have been installed at numerous trailheads and back country sites so that harvested big game and food can be properly hung above ground out of the reach of bears.

Camping

Camping and sleeping areas must be established at least ½ mile from a known large animal carcass on the ground or at least 100 yards from a properly stored big game animal carcass.



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