

Bear-Resistant Containers

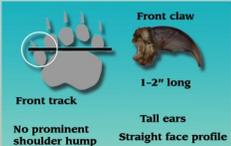
For a list of all **approved** bear-resistant containers and electric fence equipment, visit the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) website at www.igbconline.org.

A bear-resistant container developed commercially must be approved by the IGBC. Containers developed for personal use may be inspected for approval by the local District Ranger or their designated representatives.

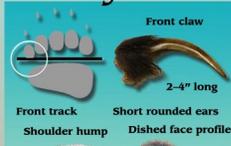


Know Your Bears!

Black Bear



Grizzly Bear



Color and Size can be misleading.
Look for a combination of characteristics.

Flathead National Forest Contact Information

Contact any ranger district office for more information about storing your attractants on the Flathead National Forest, the special food storage order, or more information on bear-resistant products.

Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office

Tally Lake Ranger District

650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, Montana 59901
Phone (406) 758-5204
www.fs.usda.gov/flathead/

Swan Lake Ranger District

200 Ranger Station Road
Bigfork, MT 59911
Phone (406) 837-7500

Hungry Horse/ Glacier View Ranger District

PO Box 190340
10 Hungry Horse Drive
Hungry Horse, MT 59919
Phone (406) 387-3800

Spotted Bear Ranger District

PO Box 190340
Hungry Horse, MT 59919
Phone (406) 758-5376 (May 15 to Nov 15)
Phone (406) 387-3800 (Nov 16 to May 14)



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Visitor's Guide to Storing Food & Attractants in Bear Country

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Flathead National Forest Food Storage Order

The following is a summary of information enforced under: 36 CFR 261.50 (a)(b)
See Special Order for details

Why is Proper Food Storage Important?

To co-exist safely with bears, there are actions we can take to prevent human-bear conflicts and food-conditioned bears. Failure to comply with the food storage orders may result in injury or property damage or a citation, and can have a negative impact on bears.

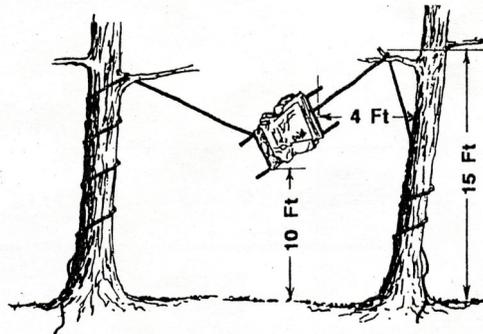


What Attractants Do I Need To Keep Away From Bears?

- ◆ All human food, including canned goods and beverages. We recommend burning all scraps off the grill if leaving it unattended.
- ◆ All toiletries, including toothpaste, lip balm, sunscreen, and deodorant.
- ◆ All garbage.
- ◆ Wildlife carcasses, birds, fish, or other animal parts.
- ◆ All pet and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives).

How Should I Store My Attractants?

- ◆ Secured in a hard-sided camper or trailer or in a vehicle with all windows rolled up all the way.
- ◆ Secured in a hard-sided dwelling or storage building.
- ◆ Suspended at least 10 feet up (from the bottom of the suspended item) and 4 feet out from any upright support, i.e. tree or pole.



- ◆ Stored in an IGBC approved bear-resistant container. Bear-resistant coolers are available on the market but they **must** be locked closed while unattended.

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- ◆ Stored within an IGBC approved and operating electric fence.
- ◆ Attractants may be “attended” rather than stored, although this is **not** recommended. You **must** be within 100’ of attractants during the day and 50’ at night. This excludes wildlife carcasses, birds, fish, or other animal parts.

What About Hunters?

- ◆ At night, all wildlife carcasses within 1/2 mile of any sleeping area must be stored in a bear-resistant manner.
- ◆ As a reminder, remove game meat as soon as possible, and move all remains well away from trails.

What About Livestock?

The responsible party shall report the death of any livestock and its location to a Forest Service official within 24 hours of discovery. In some very remote areas, it may not be possible to meet the 24 hour requirement. In these special cases, the responsible party shall report to a Forest Service official the discovery of any dead livestock within 48 hours.