

What About Livestock?

- ❖ On the Lincoln and Rocky Mountain Ranger Districts, and in the Crazy Mountains it is required that the responsible party shall report the death of any livestock and its location to a Forest Service official within 24 hours of discovery.
- ❖ In ANY area it is recommended to report deceased livestock as soon as possible to help prevent potentially dangerous human-bear interactions.

Bear-resistant Containers

For a list of IGBC tested and 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.



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

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Forest Service Food Storage Guidelines

Why is Proper Food Storage Important?

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



What Attractants Do I Need To Keep Away From Bears?

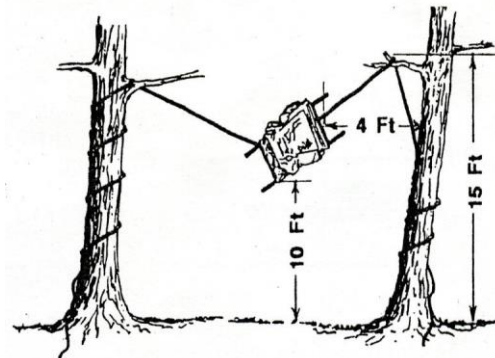
- ❖ All human food, including canned goods and beverages. We recommend burning all scraps off the grill if leaving it unattended.
- ❖ All toiletries, including toothpaste, lip balm, sunscreen, and deodorant.
- ❖ All garbage. It is not acceptable to burn or bury garbage in the forest as a means of disposal.
- ❖ 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, trailer or in a vehicle with all windows rolled up all of the way with the doors locked.



- ❖ Secured in a hard-sided dwelling or storage building with windows and doors closed.
- ❖ 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. And when possible, at least 100 yards from sleeping areas.



- ❖ Stored within an approved and operating electric fence.

- ❖ Stored in an approved bear-resistant container. Commercial bear-resistant coolers are available but they **must** be locked and closed while unattended.
- ❖ Attractants may be “attended” during the day rather than stored. You must be within 100 feet and in direct sight of attractants. Store all attractants at night unless cooking, eating or preparing food for storage.

What About Hunters?

- ❖ At night, all wildlife carcasses within 1/2 mile of any sleeping area are required to be stored in a bear-resistant manner.
- ❖ Carcasses, parts, gut piles or other remains are recommended to be kept at least 100 yards of a trail or day-use area at all times.
- ❖ Plan ahead, pack a tarp to drag gut piles.
- ❖ Clothing, tools and packs used while hunting may also act as attractants, be sure to store appropriately.

Always Be Bear Aware!



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