

## **Food Storage Requirements**

Special food storage requirements are in effect for the entire Madison Ranger District. The reason for these rules is to minimize the potential for adverse interactions between bears and people. Both grizzly and black bears are found on the Madison Ranger District and their numbers are increasing. We need all visitors to assist in the effort to prevent bears from becoming habituated to human food in order to provide for human safety, and the welfare of bears.

### **What Is Required?**

**In the Daytime** – All food and refuse must be acceptably stored or attended. Attended means that someone is within 100 feet and in sight of accessible food.

**At Night** – Unless being transported, eaten or prepared to be eaten, all food must be properly stored.

### **What Methods Of Storage Are Acceptable (see back)?**

To be properly stored food and other attractants may be secured in an enclosed **hard sided** vehicle (including pick-up camper shell or horse trailer); a certified bear resistant container; or suspended at least ten feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole.

### **What Items Must Be Properly Stored**

Anything (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) that can be eaten to provide nourishment, including soft drinks, canned food, alcoholic beverages, pet food, processed livestock feeds and grains, personal hygiene products (toothpaste), and refuse, including empty food and beverage containers, must be properly stored. If you use a barbeque grill, try to burn off any remaining food residue and properly store the grill at night.

### **Additional Information for Hunters (see drawing on back)**

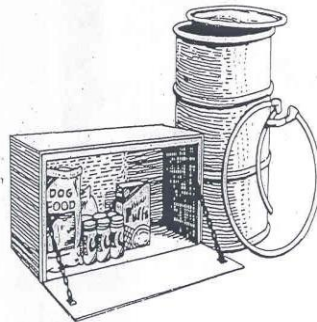
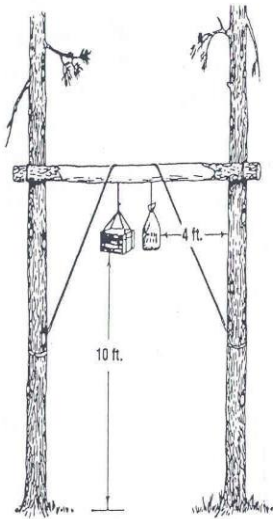
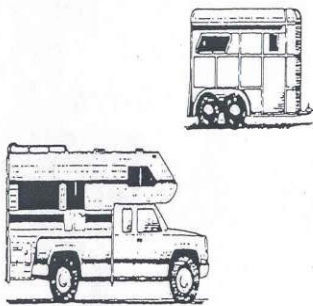
Any harvested animal carcass, including the parts thereof, must be acceptably stored. This is what is required for storage of harvested animals:

- No carcass may be kept within 100 yards of any camping or sleeping areas, or National Forest system trail;
- When located 100 yards to ½ mile from a camping or sleeping area, the carcass must be acceptably stored;
- When located within 100 to 200 yards of a Forest Service system trail, the carcass must be acceptably stored;
- Carcasses may be left on the ground if more than 1/2 mile from sleeping area and 200 yards from system trails.

## Storing Food in Grizzly Country

1. Within the Grizzly Bear Use Area, all food and beverages, including canned food, pop and beer; garbage; grease; processed livestock or pet food; and scented or flavored toiletries (toothpaste, chapstick) must be stored unavailable to bears at night and when unattended during the day.

2. Attractants must be hung at least 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet from any vertical support, or stored inside a hard-sided vehicle. Food should be stored out of sight in vehicles.



Bear-resistant containers are also approved for use in Grand Teton National Park or in your national forests.

Coolers, pop-up campers, backpacks and tents are NOT considered bear resistant!

### Facilities Provided For Your Convenience

Poles, boxes and barrels have been provided at many campgrounds, trailheads and campsites. Maps of the locations of these structures can be obtained from the nearest ranger station, trailhead host or at many information bulletin boards. Yellowstone National Park does not provide or accept bear-resistant containers as a means to meet food storage requirements.

