

Be Bear AWARE: What YOU do really matters!



It takes a community!

Handling attractants responsibly around your home and business helps reduce conflicts with bears and other wildlife. By acting responsibly, you can help set an example for others about how to live safely with wildlife on the Kenai Peninsula.

Garbage: Use bear-resistant trash containers, keep your garbage inside until trash pick-up, or dispose of waste immediately at a transfer station. Remember, if a bear gets into your trash you can be fined!

Fish Carcasses and Gear: If you clean your fish at home, keep all fish waste in a freezer out of reach of bears until garbage pick-up. Or take your fish waste immediately to a landfill. Store fishy nets, tackle and line indoors, in a garage or shed or otherwise out of reach of bears.

Freezers: Keep freezers locked in a secure building or otherwise out of reach of bears.

Bird Seed: Don't feed birds during active bear season (April 1 to Nov. 1). Clean up spilled bird seed.

Livestock and Pets: Install electric fences to keep bears out of animal pens, corrals, chicken coops, rabbit hutches, beehives and orchards. Store pet and livestock food out of reach of bears.

Anglers: (1) Keep food, garbage, backpacks, coolers and anything with an odor within 3 feet at all times. Retained fish should be kept closely attended. (2) Stay alert. Make noise to prevent surprising a bear. (3) Always be willing to give up your fishing spot to a bear. (4) If you have a fish on the line and a bear approaches, give the fish slack or cut your line. (5) As a last resort, throw retained fish into moving currents. Don't let your catch end up in a bear's mouth!

Want more information?

Go to www.alaskabears.alaska.gov

or call ADF&G in Soldotna (262-9368) or Homer (235-8191).

The communities of Kenai, Soldotna, Seward, Homer, Cooper Landing, Moose Pass and Hope are now part of ADF&G's Wildlife Conservation Community Program promoting responsible living around wildlife.

Thank you for your community leadership!

