



Living Smart in Bear Country



Home checklist for managing backyard attractants:

Garbage/ Recycling	Compost	BBQs	Pet Food	Bird Feeders	Other Feeders	Indoor Odors
Keep garbage and recycling in bear-resistant containers or store them in a hard-sided, enclosed building such as a garage.	Composting is not allowed. Odors from composting lure bears to your home and yard.	Clean-up all food and grease from outdoor grills after every use and store them in a secure building whenever possible.	Store pet and animal feed in a bear-resistant container or in a secure building. Do not leave pet dishes outside or on a screened porch.	Do not put out bird feeders (seed, nectar or suet) during any time of the year.	No artificial feeding of wildlife, including squirrel feeders, corn for deer, salt licks and mineral licks	Keep windows and doors closed if possible. Odors can lure bears inside your home.

Additional tips:

- Refrigerators, freezers and coolers (even when empty) cannot be left outside, including on screened porches.
- Don't feed wildlife. Feeding wildlife attracts bears.
- Never approach a bear – give them plenty of space.

The best way to avoid conflicts is to prevent them!