

HELP KEEP OUR BEARS WILD

Allowing wild animals access to human food and garbage is reckless and deadly.

Bears and other animals are attracted to anything edible or smelly. Here are a few tips to help you live in their backyard.

- Store garbage in bear-proof containers, or store garbage in your garage until pick-up
- Keep food indoors or in airtight and odor-free containers
- Put away picnic leftovers; clean BBQ grills
- Keep pet food inside, and bird feeders away
- Pick up fallen tree fruit as soon as possible, or protect fruit trees with electric fencing
- Remove cosmetic fragrances and other attractants, including bird feeders and compost piles



- Install or request bear-proof trash containers
- Never approach a bear or pick up a bear cub
- If you encounter a bear, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to appear as large as possible
- If attacked, fight back
- If a bear attacks a person, immediately call 911

If in doubt about what to do, ask your local Fish and Game warden, park ranger, or wildlife biologist.

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