

REDUCING HUMAN-BEAR CONFLICT IN BEAR COUNTRY



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Bears travel extensively in search of food and it's normal for them to pass through residential neighbourhoods on the North Shore. The best way to prevent a bear from stopping in your backyard is to manage attractants responsibly – if bears do not find food they will move on.

Feeding bears, even unintentionally is against the law in B.C. according to Section 33.1 of the Wildlife Act. You can minimize human-bear conflict by working with your neighbours to follow these guidelines:

GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND GREEN CAN

- Place your garbage, recycling and Green Can curbside the morning of collection, before 7:30 am, not the night before
- Store your garbage, recycling and Green Can in the garage, shed or bear-resistant enclosure until the morning of collection
- Wrap your food scraps in newspaper or paper bags to reduce odours and to keep your Green Can cleaner
- Freeze or refrigerate meat, fish, bones and plate scrapings until the morning of collection
- Designate only one Green Can for food scraps. Note that food scraps will not be accepted curbside in yard trimmings bags
- Layer food scraps and food-soiled paper with yard trimmings in your Green Can when possible
- Remove food residue from jars and cans before recycling

- Wash your curbside container with a mild soap or a vinegar and water solution to reduce odours
- Keep diapers inside in an odour-free container until placing in your garbage can on the morning of collection
- Consider purchasing a bear-resistant storage container. Information at northshorebears.com or call **604 317 4911**

MANAGING OTHER BEAR ATTRACTANTS

Bird Feeders: Remove bird feeders during bear season or make them inaccessible to bears.

Fruit Trees: Pick fruit as it ripens and keep the ground clear of fallen fruit. For help picking your fruit contact the North Shore Fruit Tree Project at northshorefruittreeprojcet.ca, or email nsftp@shaw.ca or call **604 983 6444 (Ext. 640)**.

Backyard Compost: Learn more about composting in bear country at cnv.org/GreenCan.

Barbecues: Clean barbecues after each use. Remove the grease container and take it indoors to empty and clean after each use.

Food Left Outside: Pet food, fridges and freezers are bear attractants and should not be stored outdoors.