



BEAR SIGHTING IN YOUR AREA

...it's normal, but please don't invite them for dinner!

Protect bears - remove attractants

Every year, hundreds of bears are killed in B.C., due to conflict with humans. It's up to us to remove attractants and prevent problems from happening.

Attractants include:



Garbage & compost



Bird feeders



Ripe or fallen fruit



Bees and beehives



Pet food outdoors



Dirty BBQs



Outdoor fridges
& freezers



Backyard chickens

It is **illegal** under the *Wildlife Act* to attract, or leave attractants accessible to bears, coyotes, wolves and cougars. Homeowners, stratas and co-ops **can be fined for each incident**. Report attractant offenses to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or online.



Prevention is key to keeping bears and people safe.
Managing attractants will prevent food-conditioning, reduce human-bear conflicts, and help keep bears wild.

Take action for bears:

- **Store garbage and compost securely**, and only put bins out on pick-up day.
- **Share this information** with your neighbours, strata council or building manager.
- **No wildlife-proof bins available in your neighbourhood yet?** Contact your city council to request them.
- **Never feed bears or other wildlife**, and talk to your city council about wildlife feeding bylaws.

Learn more at:
spca.bc.ca/bears
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