

**A bear was recently spotted
in your neighbourhood**
...it's normal – please just don't invite them for dinner!



Bears and other wildlife are part of what make
British Columbia a special place to live

Help Keep Wildlife Wild

Garbage and food waste is killing our wildlife
It is our responsibility to manage attractants near our homes

Attractants include:



Dirty BBQs



Ripe fruit
on trees



Outdoor fridges
and freezers



Garbage &
Food Scraps



Bird Feeders
& Bee Hives



Outdoor
Pet Food



Backyard
Chickens

It is an offense under the *BC Wildlife Act* Ch 488 33.1(2) to attract, or leave an attractant accessible to, dangerous wildlife (bears, coyotes, wolves, cougars).
Homeowners, stratas and co-op associations can be **fined starting at \$230** for each incident. Report attractant offenses by phone, 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or online (BC Government RAPP form).

How can your neighbourhood and bears be safe?

The solution is by changing people's behaviour and how they manage attractants.



Relocation is not always the best solution

Bears are highly motivated to return to their home range, and other bears will often take up bad habits in new locations. Also dumping a vulnerable bear into an established bear's territory can lead to a cruel death by predation or starvation. Trapping and lethal removal is the response to bears that have been food-conditioned, so **prevention is key.**

Take Action for Bears

Share this information with your neighbours, strata council or building manager, so your neighbourhood can be part of the solution.

Store garbage and food waste securely and only put out on the pick-up day. Be sure to lock lids and use bear-proof bins where available.

No bins available in your neighbourhood yet?
Contact your city council to request wildlife-proof bins.

Learn more about how to help local bears by getting involved in your community

www.spc.bc.ca/bears

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