

KNOW YOUR BEAR ATTRACTANTS

FOOD & GARBAGE

- Food left outside or in open buildings
- Soda, sweetened beverages
- Beer, wine, cider, grain-based beverages
- Food preparation odors
- Unsecured garbage
- Garbage with an odor
- Empty recycling cans
- Cans or jars of food
- Freezer - with or WITHOUT food
- Coolers - with or WITHOUT food
- BBQ grills
- Food smokers
- Burn barrel with unburned materials
- Fire rings with unburned materials
- Harvested game meat



Be aware that empty garbage cans, freezers, refrigerators, and coolers can attract bears due to residual food odors.

GARDEN

- Compost with meat, fruit, or vegetable scraps
- Ripe fruit on trees or ground
- Other fruits and vegetables outside
- Bee hives
- Nuts on trees or ground
- Fertilizer

Compost piles of just grass & leaves are OK

PET & LIVESTOCK FEED

- Dog, cat, rabbit, or other pet food
- Grain and chicken feed *Bird feeders should come down March 15th. OK to put back up December 1st*
- Bird feeders, seed, and suet
- Hummingbird feeders
- Fish food for fish in outdoor ponds
- Molasses and animal supplement blocks
- Game blocks
- Blood, raw meat, or guts *It is illegal in MT to feed ungulates (deer, elk, moose, antelope)*
- Untanned animal hides
- Livestock carcasses and bone yards

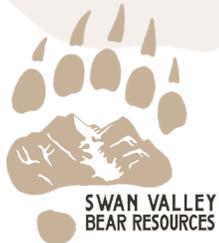
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- Soap & shower gel
- Essential oils
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothpaste

AUTO & SHOP

- Motor oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Windshield wiper fluid
- Car cleaning products
- Paint, varnish, paint thinner, lacquers
- Cleaning agents
- Plastic and foam rubber in cushions and seats

Auto & shop attractants are not eaten by bears, but they have been known to attract bears if left outside or in open buildings. That is why bears might rip up ATV seats or hot tub covers.



HELP MINIMIZE BEAR ATTRACTANTS ON YOUR PROPERTY!

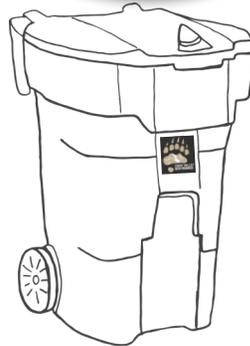
Be a good neighbor; secure your attractants. Contact Swan Valley Bear Resources for a free property consultation or for more information on reducing human-bear conflicts at 406-754-3137

SECURE YOUR TRASH WITH A BEAR-RESISTANT GARBAGE CONTAINER

Containers come with several tips and tricks that make them more effective at dissuading bears from trying to snack on your garbage. Securing your garbage and other attractants are major components of reducing human-bear conflicts.

BEARS HAVE AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF SMELL...

- Use plastic bags with ties to contain all garbage; no loose garbage in the container! Make it easier to unload your bagged garbage, if you are the hauler or if you have a hauler
- Get rid of smelly garbage, weekly when possible, since odors can draw in curious bears
- Freeze smelly garbage and discard it in the container on pickup day.
- Put your garbage container out the morning of pickup, when possible.
- Load garbage in your vehicle just before going to a refuse transfer site. Bears may climb into pickup truck beds.
- Keep all garbage and other attractants in secured garages or sheds where possible. Bear-resistant garbage containers are the last line of defense. Bears can roll and try to open these containers.



*Be a good neighbor.
Help prevent human-bear
conflicts!*

For more information on obtaining a bear-resistant garbage container call Swan Valley Bear Resources. Your questions, comments or concerns about bears, attractants, or containers are welcome.

KEEP YOUR GARBAGE CONTAINER CLEAN AND WORKING PROPERLY

- Avoid the potentially nasty job of scrubbing the container by bagging all garbage. Smelly garbage containers can become attractants to bears and entice curious bears close to homes.
- Clean them with a very diluted bleach/water solution to remove smells. Wipe away any waste residue. Be sure you dispose of any waste residue properly or it can attract bears.
- Prevent the latches from freezing, come cooler temperatures, by spraying WD-40 on the latch mechanism.
- No need for a “blow torch” in late November to open the lid. After the bears hibernate, you can avoid snapping the lid closed - remember to close them tightly once spring arrives!
- Develop your own tricks for storing garbage and please pass the word along. The best ideas come from inventive community members.

PLEASE CONTACT SWAN VALLEY BEAR RESOURCES AT (406) 754-3137