

Take these simple steps to keep bears wild and alive and away from your yard or camp.

Throughout most of the spring and early summer, bears spend much of their time foraging because they use more energy than they get from their food.

A bear's sense of smell is 2000 times better than a human's and 20 times better than a dog. And bears think garbage is tasty.

We want to reduce the number of human/bear conflicts this year and ask that you use this property audit checklist to see if you have anything that will attract a bear to your yard or camp.

When you evaluate your home, yard or camp for bear foods, you must think in terms of what might attract them to you, not necessarily what they can eat.

If you check any boxes in the right hand column, your property is at high risk of attracting a bear.



Property Audit		
Item	OK	Likely to attract bears
Is garbage stored in cans with tight-fitting lids?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you have garbage collection service, when do you put out your garbage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning of collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Night before
If you don't have collection, how often do you take your garbage to the dump?	<input type="checkbox"/> At least once each week	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than once each week
How often do you burn food residue off your barbecue and clean the grease trap?	<input type="checkbox"/> After every use	<input type="checkbox"/> Not every time
Do you cover your barbecue to reduce odour spread?	<input type="checkbox"/> Got it covered	<input type="checkbox"/> No cover
Do you collect pet waste from your yard regularly and dispose of it correctly (double-bagged, out with garbage)?	<input type="checkbox"/> At least once each week	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than once each week
Is your bird feeder empty now that natural food sources are available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Empty	<input type="checkbox"/> Still filling it
Where do you feed your pets? Where do you store their pet food and dishes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoors
Once your fish or wild meat has dried in your meat shed, do you immediately store it indoors and clean the shed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not immediately
Do you regularly sprinkle lime or wood stove ash on your compost pile to keep odours down?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are your jerry cans of gas and diesel, and containers of waste oil, well-sealed and stored in a secure area, e.g. a locked metal shed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you getting a complete burn using the incinerator or burn barrel in your camp/ claim?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is your fish waste fertilizer stored in air-tight containers indoors or in a secure area, e.g. a locked metal shed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No