



Be BearWise
AT HOME

*The Six At-Home
BearWise Basics*

Never Feed Or Approach Bears



Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs!

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Secure Food, Garbage And Recycling



Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.

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Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active



Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.

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Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors



Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.

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Clean And Store Grills, Smokers



Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.

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Alert Neighbors To Bear Activity



See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share info on how to avoid conflicts with bears. Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears.

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How BearWise Are You?

Checklist:

- 1. **Food Storage:** Use airtight, bear-resistant containers for all food, including pet food.
- 2. **Secure Garbage:** Use bear-resistant trash cans and recycling bins.
- 3. **Remove Bird Feeders:** Remove bird feeders in the fall to avoid attracting bears.
- 4. **Secure Pet Food:** Store pet food in airtight containers.
- 5. **Clean & Store Dogs:** Clean up dog waste and store dog food in airtight containers.
- 6. **Plant Height:** Plant height should be at least 6 feet tall.

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Six At-Home BearWise Basics

- Bear-Proof or Approach Bears:** Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to feed anything that smells or tastes like food attracts bears to approach humans and poses a danger for many. Bear-proof all areas that are open to the public.
- Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling:** Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with readily available food. Bear-proof all garbage.
- Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active:** Bird feeders attract bears, so remove them in the fall to avoid attracting bears.
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Dogs + Bears = Problems

When Dogs Chase Bears: Bears are often chased by dogs, which can be stressful for the bear and dangerous for the dog. Bears may become aggressive if they feel threatened.

When Bears Chase Dogs: Bears may chase dogs if they are hungry or if the dog is barking or running. Bears may become aggressive if they feel threatened.

How to Prevent Dog-Bear Conflicts: Keep dogs on a leash, especially in bear country. Clean up dog waste and store dog food in airtight containers.

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Attract Birds, Not Bears

Attracting Birds: Bird feeders attract birds, which can be a good thing. However, bird feeders also attract bears, so remove them in the fall to avoid attracting bears.

Attracting Bears: Bears are attracted to bird feeders because they contain food. Bears may become aggressive if they feel threatened.

How to Prevent Bear-Bird Conflicts: Remove bird feeders in the fall to avoid attracting bears.

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