

Our Promise to the Bears

1. We the members of the _____ family promise to be 'bear smart'.
2. We will respect bears. If we encounter a bear, we will act responsibly. We will learn more about living in bear country at www.bearsmart.com.
3. We will abide by all 'bear smart' guidelines listed below:
 - Garbage:** We will not store garbage outside, unless it is in a bear-proof container. We will not leave garbage or food in our vehicle, not even in the trunk.
 - Bird feeders:** We will not use bird feeders, including seeds, suet or hummingbird nectar, during bear season (March – November). Birds have access to plenty of natural foods during this time. We understand that bird baths are a great alternative way of attracting birds without attracting bears. Alternatively, we will keep bird feeders inaccessible to bears and keep the area below the feeder clean.
 - Barbeques:** We will burn our barbeques clean, wash and store them covered out of the wind – or in a well ventilated shed or garage. We will remove the grease can when not in use and store it indoors.
 - Pet food:** We will feed our pets indoors and store their food inside.
 - Fruit Trees:** We will remove fruit from trees and berry bushes as it ripens and never let fruit rot on the ground below the tree. Or we will remove the plants themselves, especially from beside children's play areas, entrance-ways and busy pathways.
 - Compost:** We will keep our compost clean and not compost animal waste. We will sprinkle our compost with lime as it aids the composting process and reduces the smell. We will turn our compost regularly.
 - Doors/Windows:** We will keep accessible doors and windows closed and locked (during bear season) to prevent an unwanted visitor.

Signed by the members of the _____ family,

this _____ day of _____, 201__.

Residential Address _____
Street City Province Postal Code

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____