

Bear Safety at Home and in your Neighbourhood

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- 1. Smelly garbage is left out.**
 - People could store garbage where it is difficult for bears to get at it - in the garage or even in a shed.
 - Don't let garbage pile up. Get rid of it often and clean the trash can with disinfectant before it gets too smelly.

- 2. The compost is open and has fish and meat leftovers inside.**
 - This compost should be closed and used only for yard trimmings like grass and leaves; never for egg shells, meat, fish, oil or milk products.
 - Worm composters can be used for other food waste such as fruit and vegetables. They don't smell and can be kept inside.

- 3. There is a fresh pie in the window.**
 - Let the pie cool off inside.

- 4. The door is open.**
 - Try to keep windows and doors closed to avoid an unwanted visitor.

- 5. There is a steak on the barbecue.**
 - These folks should be outside watching their food.
 - They could try to barbecue out of the wind.
 - When they're finished, they could clean the barbecue and store it covered and out of the wind.

- 6. Pet food is left outside.**
 - These people could feed their pets inside.
 - It's also a good idea to keep pets inside at night.

- 7. Bone meal and fish fertilizer are being used in the garden.**
 - Use mulch or any plant-based fertilizer instead.

- 8. There is ripe fruit on the tree and on the ground.**
 - Ripe fruit could be picked every day and removed from the ground.

- 9. There is a bird feeder in the tree.**
 - Bird feeders should not be used during bear season - March through November. There is lots of natural food for birds at this time of year.

- 10. There is a beehive with honey.**
 - Most people don't have beehives, but if they do, an electric fence can help keep bears out. An electric fence also works well for orchards, gardens and chicken coops.