Seminole County & Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission want to help you and your family...

Be Bear Aware!

WHY ARE BEARS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

While black bears are naturally shy, timid animals that try to avoid people, they can be lured into neighborhoods when people leave easily accessible food available. Bears are attracted to foods in neighborhoods like:

- Garbage;
- Animal feed like pet food, corn, grain, seed, bird seed, and livestock feed;
- Gardens, compost piles, small or medium livestock like chickens, rabbits, pigs, or goats; and
- Food smells from items like: barbecue grills; coolers; and outdoor freezers and refrigerators.

Any food source that attracts dogs, cats or raccoons will attract bears.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT BEAR PROBLEMS?

- NEVER intentionally feed a bear; it's against the law. Bears that are fed by people are more likely to be killed by vehicles, frustrated neighbors, or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) as a public safety risk. If you know of someone feeding bears, contact the FWC Wildlife Alert hotline at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).
- Use bear-resistant trash cans or store trash in a secure area like a garage or sturdy shed until the morning of garbage pickup (NOT the night before) - see below for details on how to obtain bear-resistant trash containers and service.
- Feed pets indoors or promptly remove leftover food and bowls for pets fed outside.
- Store grains and other animal food securely.
- Remove bird and wildlife feeders when bears are in the area.
- Clean grills and store them in a secure location, such as a sturdy shed or garage.

For more information about living safely around bears, please visit www.myfwc.com/bear

Help Keep Your Neighborhood Safe.

First 500 residents to sign up for the program will save $40.

Participate in Seminole County's Optional Bear-Resistant Container Program

Residents now have the ability to purchase or rent a 64-gallon, bear-resistant container from their waste/recyclables collection company. For details, contact your collection company today.

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