



NOTICE!!!

BEAR ALERT

Black Bears have been seen in this area recently

Bears are generally not dangerous to people if they are left alone. Bears can become a nuisance if they find food around houses. Typical food sources that attract bears to residential areas are garbage cans, bird feeders, pet food, compost piles, and grills. Please pay attention and take the following precautions:

1. **NEVER FEED BEARS!!** Bears can become dangerous if they become accustomed to human foods and lose their fear of people. Bears that lose their fear of people often have to be destroyed!
2. **STORE ALL GARBAGE** in secure areas such as closed garages, basements, secure sheds, or bear-proof garbage cans or dumpsters. Do not leave trash or food near open or screen windows. If you leave trash or food in the passenger area of a car make sure the windows are rolled up completely. If windows are left partially open bears can get their toes into the opening and pull on the window until it breaks.
3. **TAKE DOWN ALL BIRD FEEDERS!** Bears love bird seed and will tear down bird feeders (including hummingbird feeders). Most bears are active at night. Take feeders down an hour before dark and do not put them back up until an hour after daylight in the morning. Do not store bird seed on porches or decks where bears can get into them. Wash decks or porches under bird feeders with ammonia to remove the smell of seed that has fallen from the feeders. Leave a rag soaked with ammonia on the ground to cover seed spill areas. If bears become day active take feeders down, wait for at least two weeks before putting bird feeders back up, and locate them in the yard away from the house or deck. If the bear returns the feeders may have to be removed permanently.
4. **PET FOOD** should not be left outside for bears to find. Feed pets only enough food for them to eat and clean up any leftovers. Do not store pet foods on porches or decks. To become **Bear Wise** visit Bearwise.org for more information.