

# Important

## We Live in Bear Country

Bears have an excellent sense of smell and may be attracted to garbage cans and other odorous items around your home.

Read important *Bear Smart Tips* on reverse side.



Photo: Bryan Peterson



Photo: Tim Chandonnet



Photo: [www.backyardbirdscapes.com](http://www.backyardbirdscapes.com)

***Help prevent encounters with bears and avoid property damage at home.***

Photo: Steven Kazlowski



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## Bear Smart Tips

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Bears in search of easy calories, such as garbage, bird seed and animal food, may associate your yard with an effortless meal and repeatedly return for the reward.

Bears that are inadvertently fed by people often lose their fear of humans and may become aggressive. Wildlife agencies may be forced to kill the bears as a result.

***A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear.***



Photo: Kate Hendrixson of Issaquah Highlands

### To keep our neighborhood safe, please follow these *Bear Smart Tips*:

- Store garbage indoors or in bear-resistant garbage cans. Place outside only on the morning of garbage pick-up.
- Hang bird and hummingbird feeders 10 feet off the ground and 10 feet from supports.
- Feed pets indoors and do not leave pet, livestock, or poultry feed outdoors.
- Keep barbecue grills clean and grease-free. Store inside if possible.
- Pick all ripe fruit promptly and clear the ground of fallen fruit.
- Enclose composts, fruit trees, beehives and chicken coops with chain link or electric fencing.
- Keep pets inside at night if possible.



**Do your part to keep our families and neighbors safe – *and bears in the wild.***

For more information about living safely with wildlife visit: [www.bearinfo.org](http://www.bearinfo.org).



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