

# WHAT IS A BEAR ATTRACTANT?



## GARBAGE/COMPOST

- Keep all garbage and compost in bear-resistant containers
- Store bins inside a garage or a sturdy four-walled structure; place on street the morning of pick-up only
- Clean bins regularly with bleach or ammonia



## PET FOOD/WATER

- Provide and store pet food and water indoors
- Avoid leaving treats or dog bones laying in your yard
- Always walk dogs (or cats!) on-leash
- Keep pets indoors unless supervised when outdoors



## FRUIT TREES/GARDEN

- Harvest fruit or vegetables when they ripen
- Pick up ripe and rotting fruit on the ground
- Consider securing trees and gardens with electric fencing
- Prune back trees and vegetation as needed



## YARDS/CRAWL SPACES

- Sanitize and clean BBQs regularly
- Avoid outdoor refrigerators or chest freezers
- Clean outdoor furniture and sweep often in areas where food is consumed
- Seal crawl space openings with secure covers (metal or thick plywood) that fit well inside the seams/are flush against structure siding



## BIRD FEEDERS

- Avoid feeding birds in areas with frequent bear activity; or, only use feeders in winter when bears are less active
- Plant native plants that will attract birds and pollinators instead
- Store bird feed indoors or in a bear-resistant container



## CHICKENS/BEEHIVES

- Keep chickens in fully enclosed coops secured with electric fencing
- Install and maintain electric fencing around all beehives
- Supervise chickens when outside foraging, or provide an outdoor run secured with electric fencing



## POOLS/HOT TUBS

- Install a sturdy fence around the pool or hot tub
- Utilize a sturdy cover over pools and hot tubs when not in use
- Consider placing motion-activated light and/or sound deterrents around the yard and home



## VEHICLES

- Keep vehicles locked with the windows up at all times
- Remove any scented items from vehicles when not in use (air freshener, gum, food wrappers, etc.)
- Vacuum interiors and clean children's car seats regularly

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