**Know Your Bear Attractants**

**Be a Good Neighbor, Secure Bear Attractants on Your Property!**

**Food and Garbage**

Food left outside or in open building

Soda, sweetened beverages

Beer, wine, cider, grain-based beverages

Food preparation odors

Unsecured garbage and empty garbage containers

Empty recycling cans

Cans or jars of food

Freezer – with or without food

Coolers – with or without food

BBQ grills

Food smokers

Burn barrel with unburned materials

Fire rings with unburned food

Harvested game meat

**Pet and Livestock Feed**

Dog, cat, rabbit or other pet food

Grain and chicken feed

Birdfeeders, seed, and suet

Bring birdfeeders down April 1st-Dec 1st

Hummingbird feeders

Fish food for fish in outdoor ponds

Molasses and animal supplement blocks

Game blocks

Blood, raw meat, or guts

Untanned animal hides

Livestock carcasses and bone yards

**Garden**

Compost with meat, fruit, or vegetable scraps

 Compost with just grass and leaves is ok

Ripe fruit on trees and ground

Other fruits or vegetables outside

Nuts or trees on ground

Fertilizer

**Other**

Soap, shower gel, essential oils

Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste

Motor oil

Antifreeze

Gasoline

Windshield washer fluid

Car cleaning products

Paint, varnish, paint thinner, lacquers,

Cleaning agents

Plastic and foam rubber in chairs and seats

**Secure Your Trash with a Bear-Resistant Garbage Container!**

**Bears Have an Excellent Sense of Smell...**

Keep all garbage containers and other attract-ants in secured garages or sheds where possible even bear-resistant ones. Bear-resistant garbage containers are the last line of defense!

Use plastic bags with ties to contain all garbage to avoid spills.

Freeze smelly garbage and discard it in the container on pickup day.

Put your garbage container out the morning of pickup, when possible.



**Keep Your Garbage Container Clean and Working Properly...**

Clean your container with a very dilute bleach/water solution to remove smells. Wipe away any waste residue.

Prevent the latches from freezing come cooler temperatures, by spraying WD-40 on the latch mechanism.

Develop your own tricks for storing garbage and other attractants, and pass the word along to your neighbors. The best ideas come from inventive community members!

Be a good neighbor – help prevent human-bear conflicts

