



# Community Alert

## Bear Sightings

### *Bear Necessities Safety Tips*

**NEVER FEED OR APPROACH BEARS**

Feeding bears teaches them to approach homes and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so keep your distance!

**CLEAN AND STORE GRILLS**

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat, and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.

**SECURE FOOD, GARBAGE, AND RECYCLING**

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids, or garbage.

**KEEPS DOGS LEASHED**

If out for a walk, keep dogs leashed and refrain from allowing them to bark or chase bears as it will frighten the bear resulting in a bad outcome.

**REMOVE BIRD FEEDERS & PET FOOD**

Birdseed and grain are very attractive to bears so remove the bird feeders when bears are active. Feed pets indoors when possible and store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.

**CARRY BEAR SPRAY**

Bear spray is proven to be an effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. If you are going to carry bear spray, know how to use it!

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