



THE SIX BEARWISE BASICS



NEVER FEED OR APPROACH BEARS

Feeding bears (intentionally or unintentionally) trains them to approach homes and people for more food. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs!



SECURE FOOD, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

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



REMOVE BIRD FEEDERS WHEN BEARS ARE ACTIVE

Birdseed and other grains have a high calorie content making them very attractive to bears. The best way to avoid conflicts with bears is to remove feeders.



NEVER LEAVE PET FOOD OUT

Feed outdoor pets portion sizes that will be completely eaten during each meal and then remove leftover food and food bowl. Securely store these foods so nothing is available to bears.



CLEAN AND STORE GRILLS

After you use an outdoor grill, clean it thoroughly and make sure that all grease and fat is removed. Store cleaned grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out..



LET NEIGHBORS KNOW

Share news with your friends and neighbors about recent bear activity and how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to living near people; are you willing to adapt to living near bears?

For more information, visit BearWise.org