



Modify your trashcan to resist bears

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Before modifying your trashcan, test it: turn it on its side and stand on it. If the can collapses or the lid bends easily, it will not keep a bear out regardless of modifications. In addition, before modifying your can, contact your waste service provider to ensure they will service a modified can. For a more permanent solution, ask your waste service provider for a commercially manufactured bear-resistant trashcan.

The method below works for a variety of can designs, but before purchasing materials, be sure to check your specific can dimensions and adjust construction materials as appropriate.

NOTE: This design may not stop bears from accessing your garbage. Trashcans should be kept secure until the morning of pickup.

Hasp Design

Materials and Tools Needed:

- (1) Heavy-duty Trashcan
- (16) 3/8" Washers
- (16) 3/4" (L) x 3/8" #10-24 Machine Screws
- (2) Steel Fixed Eye Double Hinged Hasps*
- (2) Small-sized Carabineers (turn-lock style preferred)
- (16) 3/8" Nuts
- (1) Torque Wrench
- (1) Power Drill
- (1) 3/8" Drill Bit

(*If wood screws come in the hasp package, replace them with machine screws.)



1. Pre-drill 3/8" holes for the hasp hinge in the two top, front corners (A) of the body of can.

NOTE: some models of cans may be better adapted to apply the hasps to the two top, side corners (B).

2. Screw the hinge onto the base of the can with machine screws through the pre-drilled holes. On the back of each machine screw place a washer then a nut. Tighten all nuts so the hinge does not move.



3. Lay the hinge over the lid to mark the best position for the eye of the hasp. Make sure the hinge can be locked and unlocked easily. Pre-drill 3/8" holes in the marked spots on the lid of the can for the hasp eye.

4. Attach the eye of the hasp onto the lid with machine screws through the pre-drilled holes. On the back of each machine screw place a washer then tighten on a nut so the hasp eye does not move.

5. Repeat steps 1-4 on the other front corner of the can.

6. Fold the hinges over the can lip and use clips or carabineers through the hasp eye to secure trashcan contents. **NOTE:** Tie a string/cord through the carabineers and the hasps to prevent the carabineers from getting lost.

Alternative Designs: Reverse application of hasps so eye is on can body; apply (4) hasps, on each corner or two on the front and one on each side.