



Be Bear Wise:

Bears love fast food and leftovers.

Food service operations such as restaurants, fast-food establishments and highway snack bars often have substantial amounts of garbage behind their buildings, or stored nearby. Black bears are attracted to the smell of human food and garbage, and often come around, foraging for an easy meal. It's wise to take steps to help prevent this from happening.

In an immediate emergency call your local police or 911. To report bear problems call:

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bears.mnr.gov.on.ca

What your food business can do:

- Empty garbage containers frequently
- Use bear-proof containers wherever possible
- Lock dumpster lids every night
- During early spring and late fall, keep garbage behind closed doors in a garage, basement or storage area
- Put garbage out on the morning of collection day, not the night before
- Avoid stockpiling garbage. This is a sure way to attract bears
- If your business takes its own garbage to the dump, make sure that it is stored behind securely closed doors and take it to the dump frequently
- Clean your garbage containers frequently and thoroughly. Use disinfectant to eliminate odours



Be Bear Wise:

Admire them. Respect them.
But please, don't feed them.

You may not even know you're doing it. Simply by leaving pet food out at night, leaving food residue on your barbecue grill, or especially if your household garbage is stored in easy to open bags or in poorly sealed containers, you could be inviting bears to forage for leftovers.

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What you can do:

- Put garbage out on the morning of garbage day, and not the night before
- Do not leave pet food outdoors
- Thoroughly clean outdoor barbecue grills after use
- Fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- Do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your composter
- Keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- Pick all ripe fruit off trees, and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- Use electric fencing to protect valuable trees, orchards, vegetable and berry patches