

Bear Smart Chart

It can take a while for bears to learn that you are no longer a source for easy food. Once you and your neighbors make these changes, use this six week chart to track the decreasing frequency of bear visits to your home.

Checklist

Week 1

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Garbage is properly stored inside garage or sturdy shed and recyclables are thoroughly rinsed out						
Garbage, Recycle and Yard Waste bins are put out the morning of garbage pick-up						
Pets are fed indoors and pet foods are stored indoors						
BBQ is cleaned after each use and secured indoors or covered						
Birds are fed only in the winter from November until March while bears are denning						
Compost piles or bins are free of all food scrapes. Put food scrapes in bins on morning of garbage pick-up						
All ripe fruit is picked from trees and fallen fruit is removed from the ground						
Electric fence is installed around gardens, berry patches or bee hives						