

• NORTH SHORE •
BLACK BEAR
S O C I E T Y



Keep Bears Wild Pledge

I understand that when bears learn to eat unnatural food, such as garbage and birdseed, they often lose their natural fear of people. In their search for food in our neighborhoods, some of these bears can damage property or frighten people. Sometimes these bears are shot. I commit to doing my part to help keep North Shore black bears wild.

I pledge to:

- Store garbage in a bear-resistant container or enclosure and put garbage at curb-side no earlier than the morning of pickup.
- Feed birds only when bears are hibernating, or put out only a small amount of high quality birdseed each day, or hang the feeder out of a bear's reach. I understand that "out of reach" means very high on a cable or post that cannot be climbed or bent and well away from a building, and that "out of reach" bird feeders will continue to attract bears. I will keep the ground below the bird feeder free of seeds.
- Store pet food and birdseed inside the house or secure enclosure.
- Lock bear-accessible doors and windows in house, garage, car and outbuildings at night and when away from home.
- Keep garage door closed at all times.
- Store no food or garbage in car if parked outside.
- Compost responsibly by adding equal amounts of brown (carbon) and green (nitrogen) material and aerating.
- Clean BBQ grill after each use by burning on high for 10 minutes and scrubbing.
- Pick any fruit before it ripens and pick up fallen fruit promptly. Bring collection container inside after each use and wash.
- Share information about bear attractants with neighbours and friends.

I'm doing my part to keep North Shore bears wild.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Visit www.NorthShoreBears.com or phone 604•990•BEAR (2327) for more information.