



The **North Shore Black Bear Society** is providing tips to help reduce attractants that bring wildlife into residential areas in the **City of North Vancouver**. Bears remember where they get food rewards, so it is important to follow these recommendations to prevent issues.

### **Before Collection Day**

- **Freeze all meat & fish scraps and grease** until the morning of the collection; wrap all other foods in newspaper or paper bags and layer with yard trimmings in the Green Can. Keep as many food scraps as possible inside until the morning of collection.
- **Place washed wrappings/containers** in the Garbage Can or Recycling boxes. **Freeze odorous wrappings** and place them in the Garbage Can on the morning of collection.
- **Wash your recyclables** in hot soapy water.
- **Remove rodent bait boxes.** These are scented like food: bears break them open and eat the poison inside.
- **Place diapers** in the garbage on the morning of collection – and flush the solids first.
- **Store all collection containers in an enclosed shed or garage if you have one.**

Place materials at the curb between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on your collection day. **There should be no attractants in the garbage cart.**

### **After Collection Day**

**Wash your carts and bins** to reduce any odours; a vinegar solution works well; a pine-scented cleaner such as PineSol (original scent, not lavender or other scents) may act as a deterrent when sprayed inside, outside and around the cans – and in present and previous storage areas. Even empty cans can be odorous, especially to a bear that has a sense of smell 2000 times better than humans!

### **Final Recommendations:**

There should be no **bird feeders, outside fridges or freezers, pet food, unclean BBQs, and fruit trees with ripe unpicked fruit, or fallen fruit** on your property.

**Keep ground floor doors, windows and garages closed** unless someone is there to monitor them, especially if you know a bear has been sighted in the area. **Keep cars empty of food** or perfumed items, with doors locked and windows fully closed. Bears may enter if they smell food, and they will often pay with their lives for following their noses or being naturally curious.

**We live in bear country and have responsibilities. Please report attractants or sightings and learn more about our North Shore wildlife at:**

**[www.northshorebears.com/report/](http://www.northshorebears.com/report/)**

**Or leave a voice message or text message on our bear cell phone 604-317-4911**