



Attractant Tips

District of West Vancouver

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



- When empty, wash carts and bins with vinegar to reduce any odours. A pine-scented cleaner such as PineSol (original pine scent, not lavender or other scents) may act as a deterrent when sprayed inside, outside and around the carts and in present and previous storage areas. Even empty carts can be odorous, especially to a bear that has a sense of smell 2000 times better than a human's!



- Freeze all meat and fish scraps and grease until the morning of collection; wrap all other foods in newspaper or paper bags and layer with yard trimmings in the organics cart. Keep as many food scraps as possible indoors until the morning of collection. All food scraps must be in the organics cart on the morning of collection.



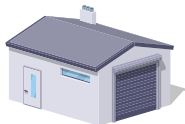
- Placed washed wrapping/containers in the garbage bin or recycling bin. Freeze odorous wrappings and place in the garbage bin on the morning of collection.



- 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. Do not use slug bait for the same reason.



- Flush solid waste from diapers and put diapers in the garbage bin only on the morning of collection.
- The small organics cart that was provided to your home was not intended for outdoor storage. Store all collection containers in a sturdy shed or garage, or secure upright to make them more difficult to tip.
- There should be no bird feeders, outside fridges or freezers, pet food, unclean bbqs, 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 to investigate odours and they will often pay with their lives for following their noses or being naturally curious.

Place all collection containers at curbside or in lane no earlier than 5:00 am on collection day.

NOTE: There should be no attractants in the garbage cart. This is important because the garbage cart is emptied later in the day on collection day.

The Solid Waste Utility Bylaw No. 4740, 2012, Amendment 5092, 5.1.9 states: No person shall leave solid waste or recyclables which include or contain wildlife attractants outdoors where dangerous wildlife may be attracted, or where there is a reasonable possibility of dangerous wildlife being attracted unless the solid waste and recyclables are kept in a wildlife-resistant enclosure.

We live in Bear Country and have responsibilities. Learn more about our North Shore wildlife at: www.northshorebears.com

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