



Bears have extremely good noses and are attracted to many smells in your neighborhood – including bird feeders, barbeque grills, pet food and mostly – TRASH.

**Don't feed bears.**

**Don't allow your actions to result in bears being killed.**

**Be a good neighbor.**

# **Be BEAR SMART**

- Trash containers should be placed out the morning of pick-up only – NEVER the night before.
- Safely store your trash during the week in a secure location, like a garage, shed, enclosure – or use a bear resistant trash container.
- Take down bird feeders if bears have been in your neighborhood. Only feed birds in the winter.
- Clean BBQ grills after use – and store them in a secure place.
- Reduce smell in your compost with lime and pick up all ripe fruit from/around trees and shrubs.

**If you see a bear in your community...**

- Remain calm. The bear is likely just passing through and, if it doesn't find food, will simply move on.
- Keep away from the bear, and warn others to stay away. Bring children and pets indoors.
- If the bear seems threatening or persistent, or is causing damage call Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife regional office Monday-Friday 8-5 at 425 775-1311, or 911 and advise them you need to speak with a Fish and Wildlife Officer.

**Sky Valley Bear Smart Project**

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