

# How to be a Bear Smart Community



## Too much fruit?

### Contact your local Gleaners!

Free fruit picking community service - 1/3 of the pick goes to the homeowner, 1/3 to the picker, and 1/3 is donated to a local organization. *Want to be a picker? Contact us!*

Call: (604) 485-7940

[skookumfood.ca/gleaners](http://skookumfood.ca/gleaners)



## Backyard Composting

→ Check out the 'Composting in Bear Country' brochure (available online at [letstalktrashpr.com](http://letstalktrashpr.com) & at the Powell River Regional District office) for a more comprehensive guide to composting effectively without attracting wildlife.

→ Consider avoiding the addition of highly attractant foods such as; fish, meat, bones, dairy, grease/oil and cooked foods.

→ Watch for a **community composting program starting in October** which will take all these food items and more for **free!**

## Good Garbage Protocol

- ✓ Place garbage out for curbside pick up on the **MORNING** of collection, not the night before.
- ✓ Keep trash in an enclosed container.
- ✓ Store garbage & recycling in a secure, *bear resistant* enclosure.
- ✓ Consider *certified bear resistant* containers.

## Other Attractants to Consider

- Bears can smell up to 1km away!

- ✓ Fruit trees → pick early.
- ✓ Recycling → keep it clean and store it in a bear resistant area.
- ✓ Bird feeders → put out feeders only when natural food sources are low; from Nov-Mar when bears are in hibernation.
- ✓ Pet food → store inside so it's not accessible to bears.
- ✓ BBQ's → keep them clean to decrease residual odours.

## Keep Livestock & Bees Safe

- ✓ Electrified perimeter/fencing
- ✓ Secure feed in bear resistant storage
- ✓ Cleanliness to minimize odours



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