

Help Keep Bears Wild



Black Bears Live in This Area

Bears that learn to use human food sources can damage property and may become aggressive. These bears often must be destroyed.

- **STORE GARBAGE PROPERLY:** Put trash out **only** the morning of pickup. Store in bear-proof containers or enclosures. This is the most important thing you can do to protect bears!
- **MAKE BIRD FEEDERS INACCESSIBLE:** If you must feed birds while bears are active, bring bird feeders in every night or hang ten feet off the ground and ten feet from anything bears can climb.
- **REMOVE ALL ATTRACTANTS:** Don't leave pet food, bird seed or livestock feed outside. Keep food, beverages, scented items and other attractants out of the site, smell and reach of bears. Don't leave these items in your car. Clean BBQ grills after each use or store inside.
- **LOCK UP YOUR HOME:** Lock bear-accessible doors and windows in your house, garage, car and outbuildings at night and when you leave home. Keep garage door closed at all times.
- **COMPOST CAREFULLY:** Bear-proof your compost area or don't compost any food scraps.

Call your local Division of Wildlife office or Denver headquarters at (303) 297-1192 or visit www.wildlife.state.co.us/bears to learn more about bears and what you can do to help.

