



Let's work together to:

- ✓ Keep our bears wild
- ✓ Keep our community safe

Bears are *always* seeking food. Don't let them find yours! Please use this checklist to help prevent food conditioning of our wildlife neighbors.

- Don't let bears access garbage Keep all garbage enclosed in a secure building. If you have garbage pick-up service place your can(s) by the road shortly before pick-up.
- Feed birds only in the winter Feed birds only during winter when bears are not around. Sunflower seeds, food scraps, and hummingbird mix are among the strongest bear attractants.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and the ground Ripe fruit is a very strong bear attractant. Pick and remove ripe fruit on trees and on the ground. Share fruit with neighbors!
- Feed pets inside Pet food and pets can attract bears and other wildlife to your property. If you have to feed pets outside, be sure to bring pet food indoors afterwards – especially at night.
- Bring food and ice chests indoors Bears can smell a meal from a mile away. This includes wrapped foods in closed ice chests. Bring these attractants indoors.
- Clean your BBQ after use Bar-b-que smells can entice bears as well as people! Burn off all food or wash your BBQ thoroughly and immediately after use. Store it in a secure building.
- Never approach or feed a bear Bears are a natural and fascinating part of the North Cascades. It is common for bears to share habitat with humans. If they find no food rewards, they will not become a nuisance. Enjoy seeing bears, but remember – stay calm, keep your distance, and bring children and pets indoors.

Remember: A fed bear is a dead bear. Please don't let your actions cause the death of a bear.

Brought to you by the North Cascades Grizzly Bear Outreach Project's (GBOP) Bear Smart Program.

For more information about the black and grizzly bears of the North Cascades please go to: www.bearinfo.org