

# PREVENTING HUMAN-BEAR CONFLICT

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**CASTLEGAR**  
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## ITS BEAR TIME

The following tips can help prevent conflicts and keep the community safe:



### BEAR-RESISTANT GARBAGE CARTS

- All carts should be locked and stored in a secure building between collection days.
- Any cart left outside must have both clips locked at all times and should be chained to a secure anchor point (ie: a strong railing, post or tree) so that a bear cannot drag it away. It is much more difficult for bears to break into a cart if it is upright and more likely that damage to the cart will be minimized.
- **GARBAGE CARTS SHOULD ONLY BE PLACED ON THE CURB WITH CLIPS UNLOCKED BETWEEN 4AM TO 7PM ON COLLECTION DAY AND NEVER THE NIGHT BEFORE.** The City may issue a ticket for carts placed on the curb before or after your collection day/time.



### TO REDUCE ODOURS

- Try freezing especially smelly food items (ie: bacon grease, meat bones etc) in a Ziploc bag and add to the cart on collection day.
- Clean out your garbage cart regularly and consider adding  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup baking soda and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of borax to the garbage cart to absorb odours.



### OTHER ATTRACTANTS

Pick all domestic fruit as it ripens and do not allow fallen fruit to accumulate beneath trees.

Consider taking birdfeeders down until the winter months.

Manage backyard composts carefully and never add meat, fish, dairy, grains or cooked foods.

Under the BC Wildlife Act (Section 33.1), it is the homeowner's responsibility to prevent dangerous wildlife from accessing unnatural food on their property. The City of Castlegar's Wildlife Attractant Bylaw #1198 also requires careful storage of all wildlife attractants.

\* If a bear damages your cart, the City may provide **ONE** replacement cart free of charge, provided proper storage guidelines were followed. Residents will be responsible for any subsequent replacements. Clips and wheels can be repaired free of charge.

▶ **FOR MORE INFO ON MANAGING ATTRACTANTS AND PREVENTING CONFLICT WITH WILDLIFE VISIT:**

**[www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com)**

- The City's Bylaw Officer at 250-365-9349
- WildSafeBC at 250-644-6555 / 250-505-6007  
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**TO REPORT DANGEROUS WILDLIFE CONFLICT, CALL THE RAPP LINE**

**1-877-952-7277**