

## BE SMART

# Be Bear Aware

Let's keep wildlife wild and people safe

## Bear Control Tips

### Your Garbage Cart

- **Lock and store carts** in a secure building between collections.
- **Carts left outside must have both clips locked and be chained to a strong free-standing post** or tree at all times between collections. It is much more difficult for bears to open or damage a cart that is secured upright.
- **Only place carts on the curb with clips unlocked between 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. on collection day.** Fines of up to \$200 may be issued for carts placed on the curb outside of collection windows.
- If your cart or clips are damaged contact the City at 250.365.5979.

### Reduce Odors

- **Freeze especially smelly food items** and add them to your cart on collection day (ie: meat, bones, rotten fruit, etc).
- **Take additional garbage to community bins or the landfill** rather than overflowing your personal cart.
- **Clean your cart regularly** and consider adding  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup baking soda and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of borax to absorb odors.
- Secure and **manage your backyard compost carefully** by adding small amounts at a time and disposing of cooked food, meat, or dairy products in your garbage.

### Prevent Other Attractants

- **Pick all domestic fruit and nuts as they ripen** and do not allow fallen fruit or nuts to accumulate beneath trees.
- Avoid leaving pet food unattended outside and consider taking bird feeders down until the winter.

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## Bear Smart Community Dumpster Pilot Project

The City recently made the difficult decision to end this pilot project two months early due to misuse. The pilot was intended to minimize human-bear conflict and give residents an option for household garbage disposal between bi-weekly collection.

Report human-wildlife conflicts to the RAPP line at 1 877 952 7277 or #7277 on the TELUS Mobility Network

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