

BEAR FACTS

- The City of Campbell River is bordered by natural bear habitat and contains travel corridors (greenbelts, streams or parks) throughout the city.



- Black Bears can live up to 20 years and weigh between 100-500 lbs.

- Black Bears are one of the most widely distributed mammals, occupying almost every part of BC.

- Bears are omnivores and naturally feed on foods such as berries, insects and fish.

- Bears are also opportunists and will take advantage of easily accessible, calorie-rich foods such as garbage, birdseed, improperly maintained compost, pet food and fruit from trees.

- Hundreds of bears are killed in BC each year due to bear-human interactions.

BE BEAR SMART!

It is because of our negligence that bears have been attracted into our neighbourhoods.

We must work together to reduce the number of bear-human conflicts.

**To report a human-wildlife conflict, please call the toll free, 24-hour Wildlife Call Centre number:
1-877-952-7277**

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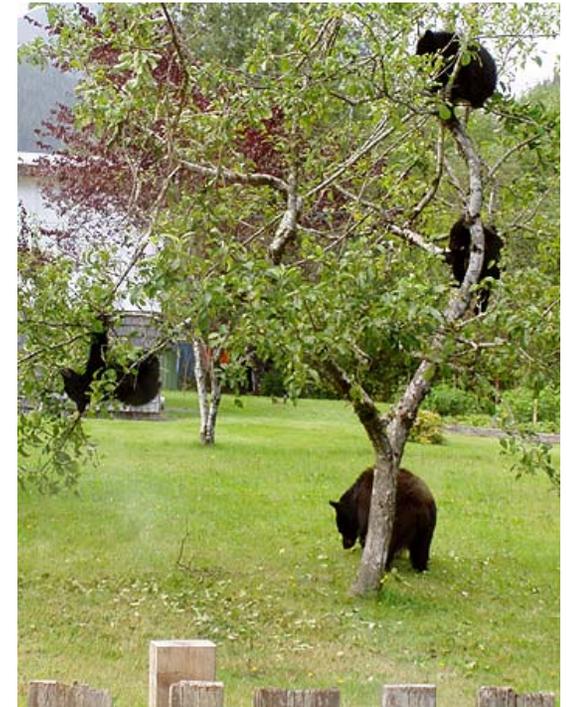


For More Information Contact:

www.bearaware.bc.ca

**THERE'S A BEAR
IN MY YARD**

BE BEAR SMART!



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TIPS ON BECOMING *BEAR SMART*

GARBAGE

- ❏ Please store your garbage outside in a bear-proof container



Access to household garbage is responsible for bears quickly becoming conditioned to this non-natural food source.

When people allow bears to access garbage they help to train bears to associate people with food.

Bears will lose their fear of humans and become 'problem' bears. Problem bears are usually poor relocation candidates and end up being destroyed.

COMPOST

- ❏ Sprinkle compost with lime. This helps with decomposition and reduces the smell.

BARBEQUES

- ❏ Burn your barbeques clean immediately after using them.
- ❏ Wash and store them covered out of the wind preferably indoors.



PET FOOD

- ❏ Feed your pets and store their food inside.
- ❏ Pick up dog bones in your yard.

BIRD FEEDERS

- ❏ If you wish to use a feeder, put it out only in the winter.



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Birds have enough to eat the rest of the year.

FRUIT TREES

- ❏ Remove fallen fruit immediately and dispose of in limed compost.
- ❏ Harvest fruit and vegetables as they ripen and store in a safe area.