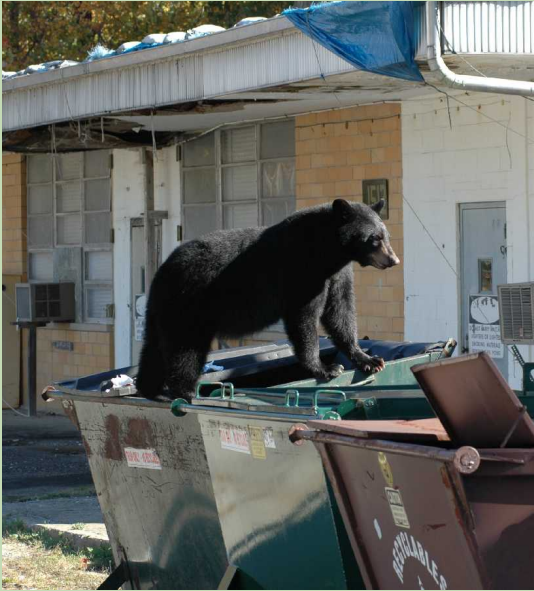




# KNOW THE BEAR FACTS



Black bears that are able to gain access to garbage and food sources in residential areas will learn to associate food with people. These bears can become a nuisance or aggressive, and may have to be destroyed.

Be a good neighbor - Prevent bears from becoming a nuisance in your community by properly managing garbage and other attractants on your property.

**Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the police and DEP Fish & Wildlife at 1 (877) WARN DEP**

## ✓ BEAR ATTRACTANT REMOVAL CHECKLIST

Use certified bear-resistant garbage containers. They offer the best protection.

Store all garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids and place them within a secure location where bears are unlikely to see or smell them.

Wash garbage containers with a disinfectant solution at least once a week to remove odors.

Put out garbage on collection day, not the night before.

Empty and clean recyclables before storing them in a secure building.

Do not place meat or any sweet foods in compost piles.

If you feed pets outside, do so during daylight hours only. Pick up any leftover food and remove bowls after they have finished.

Clean outdoor grills and utensils thoroughly after each use.

Only use birdfeeders during daylight hours, between Dec. 1 and April 1, when bears are least active. Suspend feeder from a free-hanging wire at least 10 ft off the ground. Bring feeder indoors at night. Clean up spilled seeds and shells.

Pick up fruit that falls from fruit trees daily and discard it in secured garbage containers.

Consider installing electric fencing to protect crops, beehives, and small livestock.

For more information on New Jersey's black bears and bear-resistant garbage container manufacturers, visit [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)