



GOT BEARS? I CAN HELP!



AVOID ATTRACTING BEARS

- Garbage, pet foods, barbeque grills and anything that smells like food attracts bears.
- Don't leave your garbage can outside! Store trash and recyclables in bear-resistant containers or in a secure area until morning pick-up.
- Feed pets inside or bring in bowls after pet is finished eating.
- Remove bird and wildlife feeders. Store pet or livestock feed indoors or in bear-resistant containers.
- Protect your garden, compost pile or livestock with electric fencing.
- Clean meat smokers and grills with bleach or a degreasing agent.
- If bears are rewarded with food (garbage, pet food, etc.) at your home, bears will keep coming back!
- Fed bears frequently cause property damage.
- Fed bears can be unfairly labeled as nuisances and are subsequently killed by the wildlife agency.
- While walking your dog, jogging or walking to bus stops, take a noise maker, like a whistle or a can of pennies.
- Buy a bear-proof trash can or retrofit a bear-resistant strap to your existing trashcan. For retrofitting instructions: <https://youtu.be/P7aneHEEr6A>



IF YOU SEE A BEAR...

- Remain calm. DO NOT run or play dead. Back away slowly and speak in a calm assertive voice.
- Make sure that you are in a safe area and that the bear has an escape route, then make noise to scare the bear away.
- It is illegal to feed, harm or kill bears in Florida.



THANK YOU

Thank you beary much for taking the steps to peacefully coexist with Florida's native wildlife!



Please call, text or email to receive a bear care package, which includes 'Peacefully Co-Existing with Bears' brochure, bear whistle & 4 bear strap to retrofit onto your existing trashcan.



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