

Ways to BEAR PROOF your property

Lions Bay's Bylaw prohibits attracting wildlife.
There are simple ways to comply and avoid violation fines.

GARBAGE must be inaccessible to wildlife

- ensure sheds/structures that store garbage are strong enough to be bear-proof
- garbage stored in carports or outside hutches must be in bear-proof bins
- seafood remains are especially attractive to bears, they need to be frozen and kept inside until garbage pick up morning
- diapers attract bears as they contain smelly undigested proteins and should only be stored inside the home

GARBAGE may not be placed near road until 5am pick-up morning

- don't put garbage out overnight

FOOD ATTRACTANTS to wildlife must be removed

- pet food must be stored indoors
- bee hives must be enclosed by an electric fence
- barbeques need to be thoroughly cleaned or burned off after each use
- empty garbage bins need to be thoroughly cleaned to remove odours
- rodent poisons attract bears and need to be stored inside the home

FRIDGES and FREEZERS stored outdoors are prohibited in Lions Bay

- move extra appliances to North Vancouver transfer station
- B.C. Hydro may pick up your old working appliance

BIRDFEEDERS must be inaccessible to bears

- birdfeeders can be hung on a wire based suspension system
- only hang birdfeeders during day when someone is home to monitor
- only feed birds during winter months when bears are inactive

FRUIT attractants need to be removed

- only compost citrus fruits during active bear season
- add lime and dry material to compost
- pick ripe fruit from trees and remove all deadfall promptly
- if you can't pick your fruit consider having the tree removed
- expect bears to raid your berry bushes unless behind an electric fence