Be BearSmart... With These Simple

Bearproofing Tips

- Enclose garbage in an airtight plastic bag and place in a bear-resistant garbage can.
- Freeze pungent food scraps such as meat and fish and keep indoors until day of garbage pickup.
- Store soiled diapers indoors until trash day.
- Periodically clean your trash can with ammonia and rinse food containers before putting in trash or recycling.
- Remove all attractants from your property. Clean BBQ grills immediately after use.
- Feed birds only between November and April.
- Hang feeders at least 12' high between sturdy posts or trees and clean up any fallen seed.
- Keep sweets, meat or fish out of your compost.
- Use lime to reduce compost odors.
- Companion animals should not be fed outside, chained or left unattended. Obey leash laws.
- Use electric fencing to protect caged and penned companion animals (such as rabbits, goats and chickens), beehives, and valuable trees. Remove all leftover food from cages, pens and kennels.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and clean up fallen fruit.
- Don't leave groceries or other attractants in your vehicle, garage, shed, deck or screened porch.
- Comply with NJSA 23:2A-14, the black bear feeding ban law.
- Teach children to respect and stay away from all wild animals.



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