

Effectively Managing Bear Attractants



Managing access to garbage and other attractants is the most important action to take to keep people and bears safe in our community.



Important Links

portmoody.ca/wildlife

For more information on the City's Bear Essential program

portmoody.ca/recycle

For more information on the City's solid waste management services, you can also call the Public Works Department at 604.469.4574

portmoody.ca/solidwasteapp

Download the City's Solid Waste App and get a reminder on when to set out your carts

How you can help to keep people and bears safe

Garbage, Organics and Recycling

- Store garbage and green waste carts securely indoors, or in a bear resistant waste enclosure whenever possible.
- Ensure that carts remain securely closed with bear clips locked.
- Ensure that carts are only placed at your pick-up spot between 5:30–7:30 am on your collection day, and brought back in by 8pm.
- Freeze odorous food scraps until collection day.
- Rinse carts regularly to eliminate odours.
- Rinse all recycling material before placing in your recycling cart to reduce odours.
- If you have a backyard compost, maintain an odourless pile, turn regularly, and keep covered.

Fruit Trees

- Pick fruit as soon as it ripens.
- Pick up any fallen fruit daily.
- Store all harvested fruit securely indoors.

Bird Food

- Keep ground free of bird seeds.
- Limit access to birdfeeders by suspending them out of reach.
- Avoid use of birdfeeders if bears visit frequently.

Barbeque and Freezers

- Clean barbeque grill, and remove and empty grease trap after each use.
- Cover and store barbeque in a secured area.
- Store freezers inside, not on decks or in carports.

Pet Food

- If you feed pets outside, always bring pet dishes inside and clean up any spilled pet food.
- Store pet food indoors.



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