

## Bear Deterrent Tips

- Keep trash cans in a secure enclosure (garage, shed, etc.) until the morning of trash pick-up.
- Reduce attractants in your garbage by keeping food scraps, oil, etc. out of roll cart until morning of pick-up. Some people keep food scraps in the freezer to reduce smells. This also means less odor, flies, maggots, ravens, etc. in your roll cart!
- Spray a solution of 1 part water and one part ammonia (or full-strength ammonia) all around your trash area and can. Reapply weekly or after rain.
- Secure chicken coops and other small livestock pens with electric fencing to keep bears out. Electric fencing can also be used around gardens, fruit trees, etc.
- Take all birdfeeders in at night.
- Do not leave pet food outdoors.
- If you have fruit trees, pick up fallen fruit, and consider removing trees.
- Clean BBQ grills after each use, and preferably, store them securely in garage or shed.
- Leaving a radio tuned to a talk show can make it sound like someone is home and may persuade bears to leave the area. It's the human voice that does the trick; music doesn't seem to have any effect. If you'll be gone for an extended period of time, you can put a radio on a timer.