

YOU ARE IN BEAR COUNTRY

YOU MUST BY LAW SECURE ALL ATTRACTANTS,
WHICH INCLUDES GARBAGE

It is important to remember that 'a Fed Bear is a Dead Bear'

- Store garbage indoors or in bear-resistant garbage cans.
- Do not leave food, scraps, garbage, recycling or pet food accessible to bears.
- If you have a pickup service, put garbage out the morning of pick up– not the night before. If you're leaving home several days before pickup, haul your garbage to a dump.
- Be particularly aware of very odorous food scraps such as fish and meat bones/scraps – store them in the freezer until garbage day.

RCW 77.15.790

Negligently feeding, attempting to feed, or attracting large wild carnivores to land or a building — Infraction.

(1) A person may not negligently feed or attempt to feed large wild carnivores or negligently attract large wild carnivores to land or a building.

RCW 77.15.792

Intentionally feeding or attempting to feed large wild carnivores or intentionally attracting large wild carnivores to land or a building — Penalty.

(1) A person may not intentionally feed or attempt to feed large wild carnivores or intentionally attract large wild carnivores to land or a building.

(2) A person who intentionally feeds, attempts to feed, or attracts large wild carnivores to land or a building is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(3) A person who is issued an infraction under RCW [77.15.790](#) for negligently feeding, attempting to feed, or attracting large wild carnivores to land or a building, and who fails to contain, move, or remove the food, food waste, or other substance within twenty-four hours of being issued the infraction, is guilty of a misdemeanor.[2012 c 176 § 39.]

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<http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/bears.html>



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