



PREVENT NEGATIVE ENCOUNTERS WITH BEARS

REMOVE ALL FOOD SOURCES FROM YOUR YARD AND NEIGHBORHOOD

- NEVER intentionally feed bears
- DO NOT feed birds – All birdfeeders, suet, and spilled seed attract bears
- NEVER leave trash bags out - Store in a secure building or container and put trash out the morning of pickup
- DO NOT feed pets outside
- DO NOT use open compost
- CLEAN barbeque grills and grease traps

KEEP BEARS WILD – feeding can cause bears to lose their fear of people which can result in the bear being euthanized

IF YOU SEE A BEAR IN YOUR YARD

- HARASS the bear - bang pots and pans, blow a whistle or an air horn
- CHECK for and REMOVE food sources

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR

- Talk to the bear in a calm voice
- Back away – DO NOT run
- FIGHT BACK if a black bear makes contact with you

DOG OWNERS

- KEEP dogs leashed
- Check your yard for bears before letting your dog out
- DO NOT let dogs chase or interact with bears
- If you encounter a bear while with your dog, back away and leave the area
- The presence of a dog could trigger a bear to be aggressive

**Learn more at:
Mass.gov/Bears**



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For questions or to report a bear encounter contact MassWildlife at 508-389-6300

Contact the Massachusetts Environmental Police outside normal business hours and on weekends at: 1-800-632-8075