



It's spring and the bears are back!

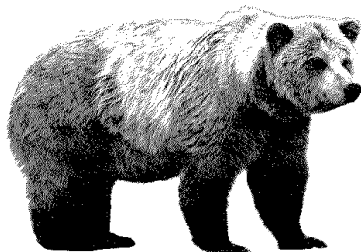
The Alsek Renewable Resources Council, in partnership with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Environment Yukon and Parks Canada has begun a new program to reduce human-bear conflict.

Join with the residents of the Champagne Aishihik Traditional Territory in the effort to keep our bears wild and alive this year, for the safety of our residents, our property, and out of respect for all wildlife.

***If you see a bear in or near your community,
Tell the Conservation Officers about it!***

Call the Conservation Officers office and let them know that you have spotted a bear in or near your community, and tell them what the bear was doing. This information helps us all to learn about why bears are coming into town so that we can work to reduce human-bear conflict.

REPORT bears in town
before there is a problem.



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Keep Yukon wildlife **Wild & Alive**

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Spring Check List

There is a lot you can do to keep bears out of your yard and away from your home or camp. Look around and think about what you have in your yard that could be attracting them. These aren't always things bears will eat. Bears are very attracted by certain smells. A bear's sense of smell is 2000 times better than a human's, and even 20 times better than a dog's!

After a fall and winter of hunting and gathering, people may still have animal parts in their yards. Things like moose bones, bison hides, heads, horns, feet and other leftovers from the hunt. Now that the snow is melted it's a good time to get these out of your yard and to the dump before bears or other scavengers show up.

When a bear succeeds in getting an easy meal from some improperly stored garbage or food, it is almost certain to return or seek the same food source elsewhere. At this stage bears don't hesitate to break open a shed door to seek food. Barking dogs and shouting people are ignored. These bears are human food conditioned or *habituated*, and they can be dangerous.

You can keep bears *Wild and Alive* by making sure you....

- ✓ Keep household garbage in a bear proof location
- ✓ Get household garbage to the dump before it accumulates or begins to smell
- ✓ Empty your birdfeeders during the summer months.
- ✓ If you feed your pet outside remember to bring their dishes inside after they finish eating or feed your pets inside.
- ✓ Clean your barbeque grill and grease trap after each use.
- ✓ Deepfreezes with food need to be inside. Outside freezers are a major bear Attractant
- ✓ Removing natural attractants such as soapberry bushes from your property can reduce the likelihood of bears visiting you and your neighbors
- ✓ Sprinkle lime or wood stove ash on your compost pile regularly.
- ✓ Store gas, diesel and waste oil in well-sealed containers in a bear-proof place like a locked storage shed.

Feeding and attracting wildlife is illegal, even if it is unintentional.

This publication was developed in conjunction with the partners of the draft Champagne Aishihik Traditional Territory Integrated Wildlife Management Plan.

