



**BEAR League**

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## **Tips for Bear-Proofing Your Home**

- ❏ Never Feed the Bears! **Not Ever!** Report any neighbors or visitors who are doing so to the BEAR League.
- ❏ Make birdfeeders inaccessible to bears or take them down.
- ❏ Do not leave accessible windows or doors open. Screens are not bear-proof.
- ❏ Be sure your doors are solid wood or metal and install and use heavy deadbolts.
- ❏ Consider Electrifying your home, especially if you are part-time. This is the most effective defense against Bear break-ins. Call us for recommended techs.
- ❏ Replace single pane windows with double pane.
- ❏ If your house is not permanently occupied (if is a vacation home) it is highly recommended that all food be removed between visits or rentals and while the house is unoccupied. Bears smell spices, teas, and other food through the walls and normal bear instinct dictates that they use their claws, teeth and incredible strength to get at it.
- ❏ Securely block access to under-house crawl spaces before they go in to hibernate.
- ❏ Leave lights and radio or TV on when not at home.
- ❏ Do not use DeCon. It attracts bears.
- ❏ Don't leave any garbage near the house.
- ❏ Don't leave pet food outside and don't feed pets outside.
- ❏ Don't leave food in cars. Roll up windows and lock doors.
- ❏ Don't talk nicely to bears who come near your house. Make them think you will harm them. Be aggressive with them.
- ❏ Use a paintball gun to scare a bear if he comes into your yard.
- ❏ Yell or blow a boat horn to let the bear know he's unwelcome in your yard. When he turns to run throw a rock at him.
- ❏ Be dominant, not submissive, if a bear comes onto your property.
- ❏ Don't stand there and take photos. You are telling the Bear its ok for him to stay by this action.

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