



The Woodlands Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Bears in the neighborhood- a few reminders

Dear Woodlands Homeowners:

Homeowners have reported seeing bears recently in the neighborhood.

Just a few reminders and suggestions:

- Please be alert and do not leave pet food or bird feeders out, especially at night. Maintain a clean barbeque grill.
- If you have food products in your bear proof containers keep them inside your garage until scheduled pickup if at all possible.
- Above all do not confront any bear -- they are generally not afraid of people and may seem harmless, but they certainly are not harmless.

Homeowners are required to use bear proof containers for garbage per McCall City code. The container must be filled only to the point that the container can be and is securely closed and properly latched. Overflowing and unlatched containers are not bear proof.

If the latch in your bear proof container does not catch and release solidly, call Waste Connections to get the upgraded cans.

Why is all this so important?

"Problem bears" are those who become habituated to humans and human food, become aggressive, and a threat to humans, property and themselves. The habit is nearly impossible to change and relocation of the bear is not generally successful. "Problem bears" are often killed.

Please, do not allow bears to become habituated to our neighborhood.

More about "problem bears" can be read [HERE](#) (it's a few years old, but still a relevant summary by McCall Idaho Fish & Game).

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