

I've spotted a black bear
on my property.

What do I do?

1. Check to see if you have items on your property that could be attracting bears. Take the action listed in the table on the back of this notice.
2. Talk to your neighbours about working together to eliminate bear attractants.
3. Call your local Department of Natural Resources office Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

After hours, call **1-800-565-2224**.

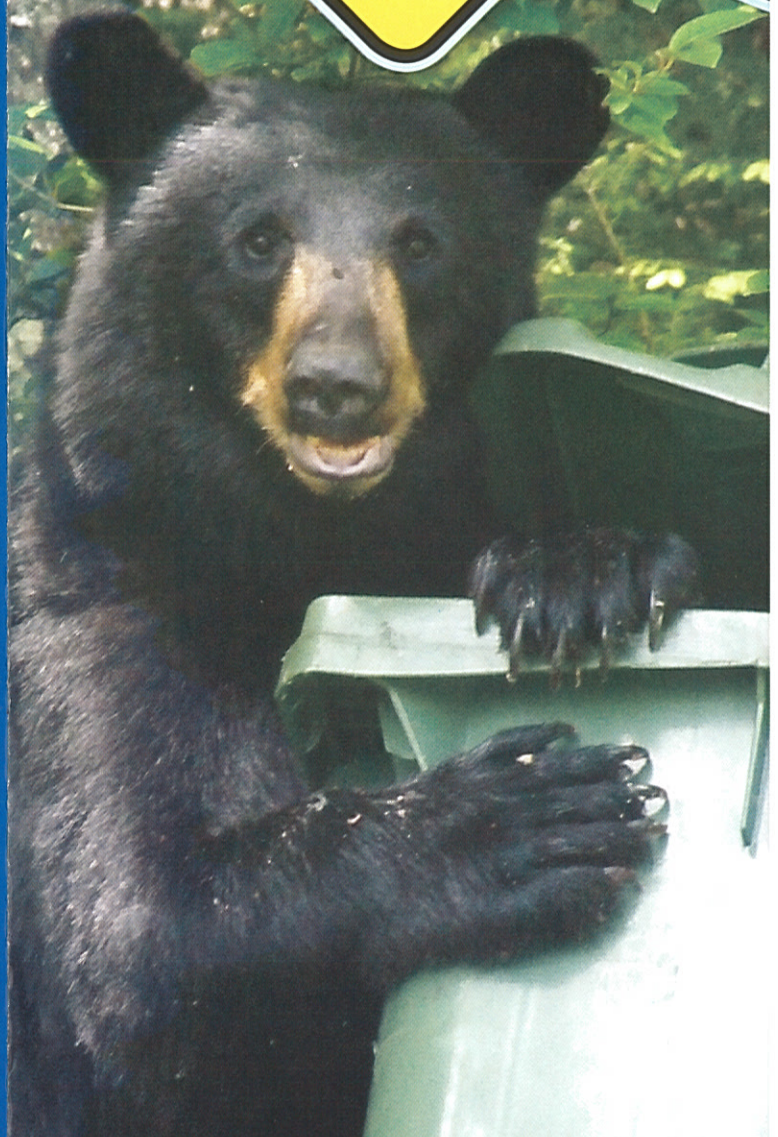
To find the DNR office nearest you visit
novascotia.ca/natr

Following the advice in this brochure should solve your bear problem. If it doesn't, call DNR.

To find out more visit
novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/bears



**Black Bears
Live Near You**



Black bears live near you

You are getting this information because black bears have been spotted in your area, or live near you.

No one wants a nuisance bear that depends on foods associated with humans. This leads to problems where the bear must be relocated or destroyed.

Read on to learn how to remove food sources from around your home.



What attracts bears

How to keep bears away

Green Bins

- store in a shed until pickup day
- put out on the morning of green bin pickup, NOT before
- clean with a solution of 1 part bleach to 9 parts water after every pickup
- freeze these items and put them in the bin just before pickup:
 - meat, bones, fat, seafood shells
 - fruit and vegetable waste such as peels, cores, rotting leaves

Garbage Containers

- store in a shed until pickup day
- put out on the morning of garbage pickup, NOT before

Garden Compost

- stir often to help decomposition
- sprinkle lime on smelly compost
- exclude kitchen scraps during bear season

Bird Feeders

- avoid using bird feeders in bear season (April–October)

Barbecues

- burn off grill at high temperature after every use
- clean often
- cover when not in use

Pet Food Bowls

- keep indoors

Fruit Trees

- pick fruit as soon as it ripens
- remove fallen fruit