



TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

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Be Bear Aware:

1. Use bear-proof garbage containers. Store all garbage in airtight containers and place them along the inside walls of your garage, or in the basement, a sturdy shed or other secure area.
2. Put garbage out on collection day, not the night before.
3. Wash garbage containers with disinfectant solution at least once a week to remove odors. Draping rags soaked in bleach over your garbage bags helps eliminate odors.
4. Feed dogs and cats outside during daylight hours only. Immediately remove all uneaten food and scraps and food bowls.
5. Clean outdoor grills thoroughly after use.
6. Do not place meat or any sweet foods in compost piles.
7. Feed birds only between December 1 and April 1 when bears are least active. Suspend bird feeders from a free-[hanging wire, making sure the bottom of the feeder is at least 10 feet off the ground. Clean up spilled seeds and shells.
8. Pick up any fruit that falls from fruit trees daily and discard in your airtight garbage containers.
9. Consider installing electric fencing to protect crops, beehives, and small livestock if you live in an area of high bear population
10. Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to your local police department or to NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife at (908) 735-8793.
11. Visit www.NJFishandWildlife.com or www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/bearinfo.htm for more information