

Alaska: Bears vs Trash



Alaska is bear country. Help minimize human and bear interactions by practicing safe trash handling.

Best Practices

- Keep your trash secure – inside your home or garage – until the morning of pickup.
- Have smelly fish or organic materials to throw away? Keep it in the freezer until the day of pickup to eliminate any smells in your home.
- Keep all other bear attractants indoors or secured. That includes dog food, fish smokers, and even fuel.
- Take bird feeders down once the bears wake up in the spring. Black bears love birdseed!
- If you live in a highly populated bear area, consider getting a bear-resistant cart. (These only work if the lid can be latched – so no over-flowing cans, please).
- Keep your trash can clean! Use liners or periodically clean out the can

Anchorage's Trash Handling Ordinance

In June 2019, the Anchorage Assembly passed an ordinance aimed at minimizing wildlife and human interactions. Read the [new city code here](#). [Hold down the Ctrl button and click on green]