



HI THERE, NEIGHBOR!

HELP PROTECT YOUR TRASH FROM BEARS

If you live in unincorporated Leon County, you have the opportunity to receive a bear-resistant trash can modified with a latching mechanism.

DON'T INVITE A BEAR TO DINNER

Access to unsecured garbage encourages bears to remain in neighborhoods and create conflicts. Additionally, other wildlife are also attracted to unsecured garbage. Bear-resistant garbage cans have significantly reduced wildlife conflicts.

If you and your neighbors keep food and garbage secure from bears, it will help keep bears in the wild and out of your neighborhood.

FUN FACT - A bear's strongest sense is smell. They can pick up a scent from over a mile away. That's over seven times better than a bloodhound.



For more information or to participate, please contact Waste Pro.
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Dear Resident:

Leon County Government, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Waste Pro recognize the increasing Florida black bear conflicts in your neighborhood and are pleased to announce the Bear-Resistant Garbage Container Program for residents living in unincorporated Leon County. If you choose to participate, our 96 gallon rolling garbage can you currently use, will be modified with a latching mechanism to be made bear-resistant.

Wild bears traveling through neighborhoods should not be a safety concern. However, bears that linger in neighborhoods can become a problem. Access to unsecured garbage encourages bears to remain in neighborhoods and create conflicts. Additionally, raccoons, rats, stray dogs, and other wildlife are also attracted by the presence of unsecured garbage around homes. This can increase wildlife conflicts and may present a public health concern. Adopting waste management strategies, such as using bear-resistant garbage cans, has reduced wildlife conflicts in many communities.

Program Specifics

- There is no additional fee to participate
- Existing containers are modified with a latch system that makes it more difficult for bears to access
- Enrollment in this program is NOT required by Waste Pro or Leon County

If you choose to participate, you will be asked to unlatch your bear-resistant can in the morning before garbage is picked up and re-latch after service. If your can is latched when Waste Pro arrives, they will not be able to empty the can. The can is property of Waste Pro or Leon County and cannot be taken by residents if they move out of the neighborhood. Please monitor the condition of the can and report any damage that might make them less resistant to bears to Waste Pro.

To participate or if you have any questions, please contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899.

