



Be Bear Wise:

Don't invite bears to *the cottage*.

Most problems between bears and humans occur when black bears are attracted by the smell of food or garbage. When their keen noses pick up the scent, bears will venture onto cottage properties to forage for an easy meal. Here are tips to help avoid these unwanted visitors.

In an immediate emergency call your local police or 911. To report bear problems call:

1 866 514-2327

(1 866 514-BEAR)

TTY 705 945-7641

For more information, visit our website:

bears.mnr.gov.on.ca

What cottagers can do:

- If you have garbage collection, put garbage out on the morning of garbage day, and not the night before
- Do not leave pet food outdoors
- Thoroughly clean outdoor barbeque grills after use
- Fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- Do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your composter
- Keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- Pick all ripe fruit off trees, and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- Use electric fencing to protect valuable trees, orchards, vegetable and berry patches