



# COEXISTING WITH BLACK BEARS

Information for El Dorado County Residents

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# THE BASICS

Black bears are amazing animals that deserve our respect. They are incredibly intelligent and strong with a sense of smell 7 times better than a blood hound! Here are some tips to help keep them wild.



## BE PROACTIVE

Bears don't belong in our neighborhoods and urban areas. Bears need a healthy fear of humans to ensure their safety and remain wild. Make loud noise, honk horns and let the bear know it is not welcome.



## SECURE YOUR TRASH

Secure all food and garbage in a bear box or bear-resistant container. Don't put trash out before 6am on collection day and NEVER feed bears or any wildlife, it is illegal!



## HOME SAFETY

Secure crawl spaces and other structures so that bears cannot use them for daybeds or dens. Close windows and shades in homes when vacant. Remove all food before winterizing or leaving your home for extended periods.



## ELECTRIFY!

Bear mats and wires are an effective non-lethal deterrent to prevent bears from entering your home. Removing attractants like bird feeders and barbecues are also a great way to prevent unwelcome house guests.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

See how many of these black bear fun facts you know, and impress your friends with your bear awareness!



If you see a wild bear in Tahoe or anywhere in California, it's going to be a black bear. Even if it is brown, cinnamon or blonde, black bears come in a variety of colors!



Black bears are excellent tree climbers with curved, powerful claws and they will often take naps in trees. So make sure to look up while on your next hike, you may see a bear enjoying a siesta.



Black bears are omnivores and will eat all kinds of things in the wild including insects, fruits, nuts, plants and small mammals. However, a lot of Tahoe bears have developed a taste for our human food and garbage, so be sure to secure anything scented, day or night.

