



BEAR RESISTANT GARBAGE CART PILOT PROJECT

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WILL RECEIVE 300 NEW BEAR-RESISTANT GARBAGE CARTS AS A PILOT PROJECT TO HELP REDUCE BEAR ACTIVITY

YOUR NEW CART WILL BE DELIVERED ON GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY MONDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2019



Local black bears in Prince George

source: NBAS

BEAR-RESISTANT CART PILOT PROJECT

The City of Prince George will be distributing close to 300 bear-resistant garbage carts to residents in your neighbourhood this April as a pilot project. Your neighbourhood has been selected for the project due to the high bear activity reported by residents.

The pilot project is part of a Bear Smart partnership between the City of Prince George, BC Conservation Office, Province of BC, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, and the Northern Bear Awareness Society, to help reduce human/bear conflict and the number of bears that are destroyed every year. The City has funded the new bear-resistant carts as a pilot project as each cart is 5 times the cost of a regular residential garbage cart. The pilot project will be monitored for potential expansion within your neighbourhood and throughout other high bear activity areas in the community.



PILOT PROJECT AREA

The pilot project includes the following streets within the Croft neighbourhood:

- Cook Crescent
- Cottonwood Place
- Croft Road
- Dunbar Place
- Erickson Street
- Glade Road
- Hepting Road
- Ingala Drive
- Kim Place
- Lehman Street
- Monterery Road
- Oakridge Crescent
- Poplar Place
- Winslow Drive
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P.G. Bear-Resistant Garbage Cart

BEAR-RESISTANT CART

The bear-resistant cart looks like a regular garbage cart but has features which make it very difficult for a bear to open with their claws, paws, and teeth. The bear-resistant cart has a gravity locking mechanism which is easy to open with one hand and will unlock again when it is tipped upside down for collection by a garbage truck. The bear-resistant cart will be provided in a large 95 gallon size at **No Extra Charge** to your utility billing. No other cart sizes are currently available.

APRIL 15TH COLLECTION DAY

On your neighbourhood garbage collection day Monday, April 15th, the City will empty your garbage cart and replace it with the new bear-resistant cart. Any carts which are missed on April 15th will be swapped after the Easter long weekend on the following Wednesday, April 24th collection day.

PRINCE GEORGE BEAR ACTIVITY

Prince George is prime bear habitat and bears spend half of their year eating as much as possible before hibernation which can include eating garbage, fruit, or other available attractants if available. Sadly, Prince George has the highest number of bear sightings in the province and an average of **35 local bears are destroyed every year** as bears usually cannot be successfully rehabilitated after they are habituated to non-natural attractants. To learn more about bears and managing attractants, visit the Northern Bear Awareness Society Facebook page or website at www.northernbearawareness.com

BEAR SMART BYLAWS

Residents are reminded of the following bylaws that are in place to manage bear attractants:

- Put your Garbage Cart out at the curb no earlier than 4am on collection day
- Store bear attractants such as garbage in an inaccessible location (e.g. enclosed structure)
- Remove fruit and bird seed from the ground where it can accumulate

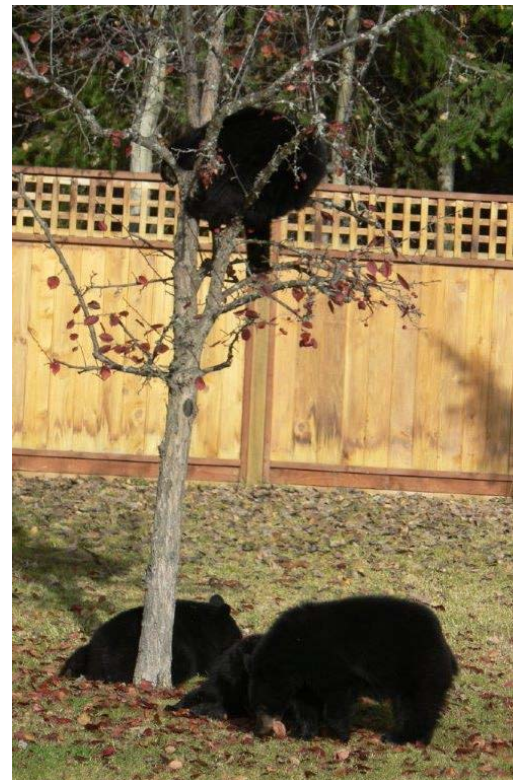
By following these bylaws, you can eliminate a potential fine of up to \$300 and also help keep your neighbourhood safe while reducing the number of bears that are destroyed locally.

IF YOU SEE A BEAR ...

Use caution if you notice increased bear activity in your neighbourhood and report all bear sightings to the BC Conservation Officer Reporting Line at **1-877-952-7277**. Your call will also help us monitor the success of the pilot project in your neighbourhood.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.princegeorge.ca or call 250.561.7600



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