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Community Notice

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As we have entered the spring and are moving towards summer, we would like to remind Gitsegukla members about the dangers caused by local bear activity.

Reducing Community Bear Activity

Safety of our community is important. Feeding bears, even unintentionally is against the law and endangers our community. Let's minimize human-bear conflict by following these guidelines:

- Place all garbage and recycling outside the morning of collection, not the night before
- Store your garbage and recycling in your garage, shed, or a bear-resistant enclosure until the morning of collection
- Wrap your food scraps in newspaper or paper bags to reduce odours
- Freeze or refrigerate meat, fish, bones, and plate scrapings until the morning of collection
- Designate only one garbage can for scraps
- Remove food residue from jars and cans before recycling
- Wash your garbage cans or containers with a mild soap or a vinegar and water solution to reduce odours
- Keep diapers inside in an odour-free container until placing in your garbage can on the morning of collection
- Consider purchasing a bear-resistant storage container

Managing Other Bear Attractants

- Bird Feeders: Remove bird feeders during bear season or make them inaccessible to bears.
- Fruit Trees: Pick fruit as it ripens and keep the ground clear of fallen fruit.
- Backyard Compost: Learn more about composting in bear country at cnv.org/GreenCan.
- Barbecues: Clean barbecues after each use. Remove the grease container and take it indoors to empty and clean after each use.
- Food Left Outside: Pet food, fridges and freezers are bear attractants and should not be stored outdoors

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact GitseguklaCAO@mp.ca and your concern will be raised to the appropriate party.