

Do Your Part to Keep Bears and the Community Safe!

Protecting bears and other wildlife is important to the Sun Peaks community. Bears in Sun Peaks are bulking up for hibernation, a phase called hyperphagia, when they can eat up to 24,000 calories a day. Driven by a constant desire to eat, bears will actively search for food sources, often expanding their range into lower elevations and residential areas. Residents and property owners are being reminded to remove attractants from their property.

The Municipality is aware of a mama bear and two cubs that have been frequenting Fairways, Burfield, the Cottages and Burfield Heights, so it is critically important for the Sun Peaks community to be diligent and do your part to manage attractants.

Garbage is the most reported attractant involved in human-bear conflicts. Please store your garbage and recycling responsibly.

- All garbage and attractants must be stored inside securely (sheds and ski lockers are not bear proof)
- No bird feeders in yards
- Thoroughly clean BBQs after every use
- Do not leave pet food outside
- Do not leave food in your vehicles
- Keep garbage containers clean of smells and food residue

Solid Waste and Control of Wildlife Attractant Bylaw No. 0193 2022 prohibits improper storage and disposal of any wildlife attractants that may attract or be accessible to dangerous wildlife. Feeding dangerous wildlife is also prohibited. **Failure to comply with these regulations can result in a fine of up to \$500.**

For more information about these regulations please visit the bylaw section on the Municipality's website: [Wildlife Attractant Bylaw](#)

For more information about how to reduce human-bear conflict please visit Sun Peaks Bear Aware page: <https://www.facebook.com/sunpeaksbearaware/>