

What Garbage Causes Relative to Black Bears

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If just one person in a neighbor hood illegally (\$1000 fine for being lazy) feeds Black Bears the following will happen -

1. *Death* of Male and Female Black Bears
2. *Death of Cubs* due to not having a mother to teach the cubs
3. Larger numbers of *cubs being born* due to the rich people food (normal environmental Black Bear foods help control cub population based on natural foods that go up and down in quantity, producing lower birth rates (i.e. Tent Caterpillars go in cycles of about 4 years). A female Black Bear weight must be greater than 175 lbs to produce a baby cub(s).
4. Possibly multiple bears are drawn into an area due to the nicely smelling *people foods* (Black Bears can smell food up to about 2 miles away).
5. *People foods* will draw in more bears to area even though generally a single female covers approximately 20 square miles and a male bear will cover approx 40 square miles, overlapping territories and services a few female bears.
6. Not cleaning a yard from *fruit tree* droppings (i.e. apple trees, etc.) feeds and draws in Black Bears.
7. Having *pet food* in open containers allows Black Bears to smell the food and can inspire a bear to break in to get to the food.
8. Unclean *BBQ grills* will entice Black Bears to lick your grill clean
9. *Feeding birds* with seed from April to November can cause Black Bear visitors or destruction to your property by the bears trying (and they will) to get to the seed. Feed birds ONLY during winter months defined.
10. *Smells from cooking or cooked food* with doors and windows open can cause house entries.
11. Never leave a *diapered infants* alone on an accessible deck, porch or yard since Black Bears love the milk protein in the diapers. A Black Bear may decide to take diapers in the garbage or on an infant if they smell the milk protein (i.e. The infants mother was the cause of one infant being taken by a hungry bear in NY state. The frightened Black Bear dropped infant while running away).
12. Always use *Bear Proof garbage cans or business dumpsters* to stop the bears from getting to your garbage OR put garbage out just before garbage collection time, not the night before.
13. Not following the law and feeding the Black Bears is also causing the state of New Jersey hunters to want a hunt to kill these *environmentally useful* creatures.
14. People in neighborhoods that have negative thinking toward all wild animals (i.e. Black Bears) can cause the state to setup snares to trap, barrel traps, attractant luring, darting and ultimately *killing a Category I Black Bears* (i.e. Category I Black Bears can be immediately killed, 2 tags in the bears ears plus a new complaint).

Credits

The above is based on the biological and environmental research of Dr. Lynn Rogers for over 40 years of his work and findings