

Keep Bears out of your House & Car

Many of Tahoe's bears have lost their fear of people, due to living in close proximity and because far too many residents and visitors allow the bears access to garbage, pet food, bird-feeders and often purposely feed them. Bears now feel welcome in homes, cabins and cars, and they know they will find food inside. Bears live to eat. If they can smell food, they will attempt to claim it.



- NEVER leave ground floor and accessible windows and doors open, even if you are home. (Keep them locked)
- SPRAY regular pine sol (not lemon or any other scent) on the wood around kitchen windows and doors to help mask the food smells coming from inside. Do this often.
 - **REPLACE** single-pane windows with double pane.
- REMOVE garbage and get it away from the house and garage by taking it to a dumpster or installing a bear-proof enclosure
 - NEVER leave any food of any kind in your car.
- ROLL up car windows, lock the doors (bears all know how to open car doors if unlocked) and put an open bowl of pinesol on the front seat. (Put lid on while you are driving)
 - DECON attracts Bears and LOTS of Rodents!



If a bear has entered your home or car and was rewarded with food, he will be back. DO NOT allow him to 'score' a second time. There are specific steps to take in order to be ready for his return, which will keep him out and take you off his 'hit list'.

> do not charge and we are trained volunteers from your neighborhood who care just as much about you as we do the bears.

