

COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

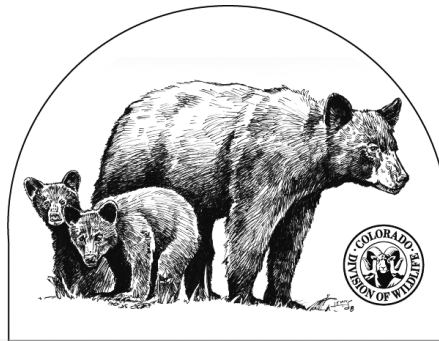
Keep Bears Wild Pledge



We understand that when bears learn to use human food sources, they can damage property, and may become aggressive. These bears often must be destroyed. We know that only people can prevent problems with bears. We commit to doing our part to keep bears wild.

We pledge to:

- Store our trash in a bear-resistant container or enclosure or put trash out only the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Feed birds only when bears are hibernating, or
- Bring our bird feeders in every night while bears are active (generally April through mid-November) or hang them 10 feet off the ground and 10 feet from anything bears can climb.
- Store our pet food, bird seed and livestock feed inside in a secure area.
- Lock bear-accessible doors and windows in our house, garage, car and outbuildings at night and when we leave home.
- Keep our garage door closed, even when we're home.
- Keep food, beverages, scented toiletries, candles and other attractants out of the sight, smell and reach of bears.
- Keep no food, trash, air fresheners, coolers or scented products in our car.
- Bear-proof our compost area, or we won't compost food scraps.
- Clean our BBQ grills after each use or store them inside.
- Pick any fruit before it ripens and pick up fallen fruit promptly.
- Keep our unattended pets and livestock in a secure enclosure at night.
- Share information about bear-proofing with our neighbors and friends.



Take the pledge and get this window decal for your home.

**We're Doing Our Part
To Keep Bears Wild**

Name(s): _____

Signature (s): _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____
Area Code

Bear Aware Volunteer (if known): _____

District Wildlife Manager (if known): _____

Please detach and keep the bottom copy and mail the original to: Bear Aware Program, Education Section, Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216, and we'll send you your Keep Bears Wild window decal.

Visit www.state.co.us/bears for more information on living and playing in bear country.