





September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

 **AWARE**

There have been a number of reports of black bears & a grizzly that have been hanging around the McLeod Lake community in the last month. The bears are not easily scared away and there are possible attractants for them.

**Please follow these guidelines:**

 **DO NOT LEAVE LEFTOVER SCRAPS OR DOG FOOD OUTSIDE.**

 **PUT OUT GARBAGE IN BINS ONLY ON GARBAGE PICK-UP DAYS**

**(Tuesday's & Friday's Early Mornings)**

Your help to keep our People safe is greatly appreciated. Our Youth & Elders can be seen any given day playing outside or going for a walk. Please do your part for them. ❤️

*Massi (Thank You),*

*Emergency Management McLeod Lake  
EMML team*

# Please Be BEAR AWARE



**A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR** 



## Composting in Bear Country

Composting well protects animals and people because it reduces the chance that you will accidentally feed an animal.



**Take down birdfeeders**, except when bears are hibernating. Bird seed draws bears into yards. Plant native flowers and shrubs that attract birds instead.



**Compost in a hard, durable bin**, ideally with a lid that would be challenging for a bear to open. Cover all food scraps with "browns" (dried yard debris, wood chips, sawdust, or shredded paper); they help contain odor. Frequently mix the pile.



**Don't compost meat and bones** at home. Bring them to a compost drop-off or put them in the trash.



**You have options!** You can bring food scraps to transfer stations and other local drop-offs. Consider drop offs in the spring when bears are most active.



## Curious Bear? Don't Feed It.



1. **Contact Fish & Wildlife** for more advice on deterring a bear in your yard **before it becomes a problem.**

2. Bring food scraps to a drop-off for a while **OR** Surround your bin with an electric fence (smear peanut butter on the fence so the bear gets a little zap to the face).