

Bear-Resistant Carts

The bear-resistant cart looks like a regular cart but has features which make it difficult for a bear to open with their claws, paws and teeth. The bear-resistant cart has a locking clip mechanism which is easy to open with your hand.

These carts need to be manually unclipped when placed at the curb on collection day, and then re clipped when you remove them from the curb. Bear-resistant carts are available in a 240 L size for the curbside collection of recycling, compostables or garbage. No other sizes are available.

It is important to note the carts are “bear-resistant” and not “bear-proof”. The bear-resistant carts do not guarantee that a bear cannot gain access if given sufficient time.

The locking clip mechanism is easy to open with your hand and deters wildlife from accessing the cart contents.



Manage Your Attractants

Black bears account for 14,000 to 25,000 calls per year to the Conservation Officer Service in BC. Bears are most active from April to November, and curbside waste is responsible for over 60% of human-bear conflicts when an attractant is identified.

Fruit trees, bird feeders and other human-related food sources are also strong attractants. Once a bear receives a food reward it can lose its natural wariness of humans (human-habituation). Food-conditioned bears can pose a serious safety risk in communities and may need to be euthanized.

Prevent this from happening by securing all attractants and calling the BC Conservation Officer Service (1-877-952-7277) early so that proactive measures can be taken.

QUICK TIP ✓

Visit wildsafebc.com for more info on how to reduce wildlife attractants at your home!

SORT & ROLL
Curbside Collection Program

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How to Request a Bear-Resistant Cart

Contact the City at **604-864-5640** or **cars@abbotsford.ca** to request a 240L bear-resistant cart in place of any standard 240L cart for any waste stream.

An additional cost of \$5 per year will be added to your annual property taxes for each bear-resistant cart used. A one time cart administration fee will apply per visit for any cart requests submitted after July 19, 2021.

If you live in the bear-resistant cart area on Sumas Mountain, the use of bear-resistant carts is mandatory and carts will be automatically be delivered to your home. A separate request is not required.



How to Use a Bear-Resistant Cart



Wheel it! Wheel your cart to the curb or your curbside collection pick-up point.



Unclip it! Unclip the two clips on the lid and leave the lid in the closed.



Store it! After your cart has been emptied, re-clip the two clips on the lid and remove your cart from the curb to a secure storage location.

Manage Your Materials

To reduce the chance of a bear accessing a food reward, the most important step is to ensure that waste does not sit out over night or for long periods of time. You could also consider the following:

- Keep your carts in an indoor secure location such as a garage.
- If you do not have a garage, then secure the cart to a structure so that it cannot be dragged away.
- Freeze smelly items until collection day.
- Wait until the morning of collection day to put your carts out.

Never Miss a Collection Day!

Download the free **ABBOTSFORD CURBSIDE COLLECTION** app to gain instant access to your collection schedule, receive collection day reminders and service alerts!



DID YOU KNOW

The City has an online Waste Wizard to help you sort your material and figure out what goes where! Check it out on your curbside collection app or on the City's website at **abbotsford.ca/wastewizard**