

CO-EXISTING WITH WILDLIFE

Many wildlife encounters in Abbotsford can be prevented by responsibly managing waste and other attractants. Wildlife sightings and encounters with bears or cougars should be reported immediately to the Conservation Officer Service reporting line at 1-877-952-7277.

REDUCE IT – The best way to deal with garbage is by not creating it in the first place. Preventing garbage and food waste helps minimize the volume of material you need to manage.

STORE IT – Keep your curbside materials indoors or in a secure location until the morning of collection. Remember: Don't place curbside materials at the curb overnight!

FREEZE IT – To help reduce odours, freeze food scraps until your collection day. You can also wrap food scraps in newspaper or paper bags to minimize odours and mess.

CLEAN IT – Rinse or wash container after pick up with mild detergent or vinegar. This will help to reduce odours.

TIPS TO MANAGE ATTRACTANTS



Remove outdoor
fridges & freezers



Keep dog food
indoors



Remove
bird feeders
April-November



Pick fruit as soon
as it's ripe



Clean BBQs
after use



Compost
responsibly



October 21 - 27



WASTE
REDUCTION
WEEK
IN CANADA

Waste Reduction Week is a campaign that encourages Canadians to reduce their ecological footprint. By focusing on the “3 R’s” — Reducing, Reusing and Recycling, everyone can help minimize the amount of waste ending up in landfills.

This October, the City of Abbotsford will be promoting the importance of waste reduction. Visit abbotsford.ca/wrw for event information!

Here’s a few things you can do right away to reduce your waste:

- ✓ Bring reusable bags for shopping.
- ✓ Drink tap water and use a refillable water bottle.
- ✓ Use a reusable coffee mug.
- ✓ Share or rent items instead of owning them.
- ✓ Donate items you don’t use while they’re still in good condition so they get a second life.