

# Eagle County Community Development



## Wildlife Proof Refuse Containers Information Brochure

As natural land and native wildlife habitat is developed for human use, the need to minimize the negative impact of humans on wildlife and their habitat also increases. The purpose of utilizing wildlife proof refuse containers is to both help protect wildlife in Eagle County by reducing the risk of dangerous interactions between humans and wildlife, as well as to prevent animals from becoming dependent on human food.

Through the development review process wildlife habitat is identified and appropriate measures of avoidance, minimization and/or impact mitigation techniques are implemented in order to sufficiently protect the wildlife species and their habitats.

Wildlife Proof Refuse Container/Dumpster Enclosure Standards (Section 4-410.C of the Eagle County Land Use Regulations) were introduced in March of 2002 and apply to any application for a Special Use Permit, Subdivision or Planned Unit Development (PUD). The provisions of this Section may apply entirely or in part to the application for a Limited Review as well (at the discretion of the Community Development Director).

Although these regulations are not retroactive, the Community Development Department and the Division of Wildlife encourage the citizens of Eagle County living within existing developments to minimize dangerous encounters between wildlife and humans by employing the measures identified in this brochure.

### Nuisance bear put down in Beaver Creek

Cliff Thompson  
August 27, 2004

On Thursday, wildlife officer Bill Andree of Eagle did something he hates doing. He killed a bear by lethal injection.

It was a bear that three times had broken into a home on Fairway Drive in Beaver Creek by going through a window. Andree set up a culvert trap - a long pipe with a trap door on a trailer - and baited it with molasses, honey, cinnamon and maple syrup. The 3-year-old, 145-pound bear, a female, couldn't resist and was in the trap early Wednesday night. By Thursday, it was dead.

From Andree's perspective, the bear had to be killed because of human misbehavior and the behavior the bear had learned as a result.

The real problem, Andree said, is that people in Beaver Creek haven't been as careful with their trash as they should and it's attracting bears to homes. Curiously, at the home the bear entered, there was no trash outside that might have lured it, he said.

The crop of wild nuts and berries the bears eat has been poor this summer, and the animals have been forced to change their foraging habits. Human garbage receptacles are a plenty of food to suit a hungry bear's appetite.

The problem is the fact Beaver Creek has no laws restricting where an

### Bears may increase visits as winter nears

Tamara Miller  
August 22, 2004

EAGLE COUNTY - Tim Szurgot knew better than to leave trash out for bears to get into, but he wasn't prepared for what happened to him this July.

While away from his home in Bellyache Ridge, he left two bottles of Gatorade sitting out inside a screened-in porch. According to his neighbors, a bear tore through the screen, climbed inside, grabbed the bottles and then sat in Szurgot's driveway and guzzled them both. Not only did Szurgot lose a few groceries, the bear had made a mess of the porch.

"That's something you wouldn't really think about," Szurgot said. "I know about garbage and grills, you know about leaving windows open. But two Gatorades in a screened-in porch?"

Wildlife officials are reporting numerous human encounters with bears this summer. Those encounters could increase in the next month or so as bears begin to forage more aggressively for food before they hibernate for the winter. Wildlife officials are urging residents to be more diligent about keeping tempting trash and supplies away from bears.



Bears may be making more visits to Vail Valley neighborhoods as they search for food in preparation for winter hibernation. Wildlife officials are encouraging people to keep trash away from the animals.

AP Photo/Bob Bird

### Bears spending lots of time in Aspen

Janet Urquhart

August 22, 2004

\*Headlines and Articles from the Vail Daily

# Colorado Resources

Information courtesy of the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

## **BearProof, Inc.**

234 S. Golden Drive  
Silt, CO 81652  
(970) 309-2460  
[www.bearproofinc.com](http://www.bearproofinc.com)

### **\$327 and Up**

All metal food & trash lockers for 32 and 95 gallon containers. Commercial containers available. Metal curbside rollaway containers. Power coated. Volume discounts.



## **BMC West ++**

38005 Hwy 82- Aspen  
(970) 925-4262

### **\$220 (can) and \$800 (shed)**

95 Gallon poly can with lock. Metal shed fits 2 (95) gallon cans.



## **Glenwood True Value ++**

1525 Grand Ave- Glenwood  
(970) 945-9453

### **\$168 and Up**

64 and 95 gallon poly can with lock.

## **Colorado Correctional Industries ++**

E. Canon Complex- Bldg 97  
Canon City, CO 81215-1600  
(719) 269-4540  
[www.cijvp.com](http://www.cijvp.com)

### **\$285 and Up**

Numerous models available. Powder coated. Handicapped accessible. 95 gallon steel cart rolls to curb. Custom, ornamental designs. Pepper sprayer devices.



## **Ranchers' Hand Fabricators.**

4343 Gypsum Creek Rd  
Gypsum, CO 81637  
(970) 524-7154 or  
(970) 524-7420

### **\$ Custom Bid**

Custom fabrication. Cans of various sizes. Special Orders welcome.



## **Solid Waste Systems++**

7855 East Lark Drive  
Parker, CO 80138  
(303) 840-3390  
[www.bearproofsystems.com](http://www.bearproofsystems.com)

### **\$170 and Up**

CUSTOM WORK WELCOME.  
Poly curbside cart (64& 95 gallon).  
Steel cabinet for (2) cans. Bear proof dumpsters (2-8 yards). Roll off with bear lid (10-40 yards).



**++ Grizzly Bear Tested. Call manufacturer for details.**

# Out of State Resources

## **BearGaurd ++**

P.O. Box 89

Tahoe City, CA 96145-0089

(530) 581-2211 (April-Nov.)

(530) 412-0002 (Cell anytime)

[www.bearguardinfor.com](http://www.bearguardinfor.com)

## **\$879 and Up (includes stand)**

(2) 32 gallon cans in a metal shelter.

Space for recyclables. Powder coated.



## **BearSaver ++**

38005 Hwy 82- Aspen

(970) 925-4262

[www.bearsaver.com](http://www.bearsaver.com)

## **\$278 - 750**

Several models for 32 gallon cans. A wide range of bear proof products.

Heavy gauge steel construction.

Easy access. Shipped by UPS New low coat residential can enclosure.



## **Boxmaster, Inc.**

17000 Sierra Hwy

Canyon Country CA 91351

(661) 298-2666

## **\$546 - Call for pricing**

Single & double 32 gallon enclosures. Food storage lockers.

Dumpster lids. For refuse and recycling. Steel fabrication.



## **McClintock Metal Fabricators \$ 590 - 1350**

455 Harter Ave.

Woodland, CA 95776

(800) 350-3588

[www.mcclintockmetal.com](http://www.mcclintockmetal.com)

Steel construction. Many sizes available. Residential steel enclosures. Handicapped accessible. New animal proof recycling Depot.



## **Other Services:**

### **Pepper Sprayer Device**

### **B & B Welding**

(970) 963-0954

Deterrant device holds pepper spray can. \$100.00 / per device.

### **Living With Wildlife Foundation**

### **Patricia Sowka**

[www.lwwf.org](http://www.lwwf.org)

Website for co-existing with wildlife. Grizzly testing of bear proof cans.

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## Commercial Services:

### Cubic Container Manufacturing

11619 Pendleton St.  
Sunvalley, CA 91352  
(818) 504-0722, (800) 899-5999  
[www.cubiccontainer.com](http://www.cubiccontainer.com)

#### **\$ Depends on quantity / freight**

Any size from 1-10 yard dumpsters  
& steel containers. Experimental  
models. USFS supplier. Refuse  
cans, front and rear load containers.  
Order in large quantities.



### Capital Industries, Inc.

5801 3rd Ave South  
Box 80983, Seattle, WA 98108  
(206) 762-8585  
[www.capitalind.com](http://www.capitalind.com)

#### **\$ Depends on quantity / freight**

Any size from 2-6 cubic yard dump-  
sters & steel containers available.  
Bear resistant lids available. Also sell  
to private haulers in large quantities.



## Trash Services:

### Honey Wagon Trash Services

P.O. Box 4330  
Edwards, CO 81632  
(970) 476-3511  
*Bear proof and bear resistant containers  
(steel dumpsters & poly cans)*

### Waste Solutions

197 Prince Drive  
Carbondale, CO 81623  
(970) 963-1842  
*Bear resistant containers (metal and plastic lids for  
dumpsters)*

### V.I.P. Services Trash Removal

2412 Grand Ave.  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601  
(970) 945-9228  
*Bear resistant containers (poly cans only)*

### Waste Management of Colorado

P.O. Box 961  
Carbondale, CO 81623  
(970) 963-5583  
*Bear proof and bear resistant containers*

P.O. Box 38  
Wolcott, CO 81655  
(970) 926-3396



[http://wildlife.state.co.us/about/  
DOWoffices.asp](http://wildlife.state.co.us/about/DOWoffices.asp)



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