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## **Bear Safety in Wildlife Interface Neighbourhoods: Guidance for Residents Regarding Recent Bear Sightings**

This letter is to notify you of recent bear activity in our wildlife interface neighbourhoods. To help prevent bear encounters, we encourage all residents to take steps to reduce bear and animal attractants, especially garbage.

WildSafeBC recommends that garbage be stored indoors until the morning of your regularly scheduled collection day. For added effectiveness, you can freeze particularly odorous waste (such as food scraps) until your scheduled collection day, minimizing smells that attract bears. Garbage left unsecured is the primary attractant for bears, often drawing them into residential areas.

Due to the need to protect residents from wildlife encounters, the City of Penticton ask residents to:

- Place waste at the curb no earlier than 5:00am on the morning of collection
- Protect yourself and your neighbours by removing bear attractants from your yard:
  - stock-piled refuse, bird feeders, non-productive composters
  - ensure composters are working correctly and yard/vegetable waste is composting
  - securely store pet food and water

For more information on how to minimize bear attractants, please visit [www.penticton.ca/wildlife](http://www.penticton.ca/wildlife).

Your cooperation is important in keeping our neighbourhoods safe and preserving local wildlife. Should you have questions or need more information, please contact the City of Penticton at 250-490-2500 or by email at [solidwaste@penticton.ca](mailto:solidwaste@penticton.ca).

Thank you,

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