

Hot dogs. Fried chicken. Watermelon rinds. Some of the most lethal substances known to bears.



Here in the Great Smoky Mountains, we ask that you dispose of your garbage properly, and never ever feed the bears. **Why?** Because fed bears cease to look for food in the wild and almost always become problem animals that have to be relocated or put to death. The good news is that we can prevent most of these tragedies just by doing the following:

- (1) Never leave food or garbage outside. Dispose of it only in bearproof cans or dumpsters.
- (2) Don't leave pet food or bird seed outside where bears can get to it. Store it indoors.



- (3) Don't pour cooking grease or throw things such as food scraps outside on the ground.
- (4) If a bear approaches your area, frighten it by yelling, banging pans together, or throwing rocks.

GARBAGE KILLS BEARS.