

## Wildlife Management Waste Tips

### Limit accessibility to waste carts:

- Place carts out on collection day and remove as soon as possible after collection. Do not leave carts out overnight.
- Store carts in an enclosed space such as a garage or shed if possible. Sometimes bears take the containers off into the woods if they are left outside unsecured.
- Double bag garbage before placing in the cart.
- Do not overfill the cart so that the lid doesn't close.
- Collect food scraps separately and wait to put them out until collection day. (Freezing them before placing in the cart can deter scents also).
- Recycling should be Empty, Clean & Dry – no food residue.
- Request a wildlife resistant garbage cart (additional fees and rental apply).

### Never intentionally feed bears or other backyard wildlife

- Do not feed dogs or cats outside.
- Remove other wildlife food sources (such as bird seed, hummingbird feeders) until fall.
- Clean barbecue grills after each use.
- Never leave anything used to prepare, consume, store, or transport food outside. Secure all food and odorous items safely. (Coolers, bbq tools, smores skewers, etc.)
- Clean up fallen fruits and vegetables.
- Cage and electric fence chickens and livestock pens.

*Share these tips with your neighbors to encourage a safe area!*