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Snoqualmie Police Request Public to Call 911 for Bear Sightings

Snoqualmie, WA – Bear activity has increased in Snoqualmie neighborhoods as they look for food following winter. There have been no conflicts between humans and bears in Snoqualmie, but you may want to review safety tips for living in neighborhoods that have black bears are posted on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website at wdfw.wa.gov; click "Living with Wildlife" and find the species fact sheet for black bears.

The Snoqualmie Police Department requests that the public call 911 for each bear sighting. 911 will dispatch Snoqualmie police to the location. The police want to track bear activity and already work closely with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Office on this issue.

Proper garbage management is the most important thing to discourage bear activity. Keep garbage cans with tight-fitting lids in a shed, garage, or fenced area. Put garbage containers out for collection shortly before the truck arrives—not the night before. A detailed list of tips for managing garbage is posted on the WDFW black bear fact sheet.

In June, garbage and recycle collection will transition from Allied Waste to Waste Management (WM). Upon request, WM will provide the option of wildlife-proof garbage containers. The container is free; the collection service is $3.13 per month with regular service. WM will provide more information about this service option in May.

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