

## Bear Awareness Tips

- If you encounter a bear **STAY CALM**, back away slowly, and do not approach or try to surprise the bear.
- If a bear is spotted in your backyard from a safe distance make loud noises or shout to scare the bear away.
- Remove any potential attractants such as pet food, bird seed, or unsecured garbage.
- If you encounter a bear from a distance, back away slowly. Do not try to photograph/take a selfie with the bear.
- Always walk your pet on a leash.
- Clean your outdoor grill after use to avoid attracting bears or other wildlife.
- For more information on bear awareness, please visit <https://bearwise.org/>