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Silver Shekel Residents,

Please do not put your standard garbage cans out overnight. Wait until the morning of pick-up. Timberline picks up on Wednesdays and Waste Management early on Thursdays.

Leaving standard garbage cans out overnight is an invitation to the bears around here. In addition to the mess that is left behind, bears and garbage are a bad combination that can turn deadly for the bears. The Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife gets too many calls that result in bears being put down, almost all of which are preventable.

There are a number of things we can do, but one of the best solutions is to use a garbage can that bears can't get into. Here are a couple: one is the [Bearicuda Stealth 2](#) (\$385) and another is the Toter 64 (\$220-\$230) available at [Lowe's](#) and [Breckenridge Building Center](#). These work well, according to this Silver Shekel resident:

*"The [Toter 64] can WORKS! We don't have a garage, and since we ordered it, the worst thing that happened is the bears tipped the can a few times (we have claw marks on the can). I think it's worth the money to avoid the bears spilling the trash everywhere. We still have active bears by our door (they get caught on camera all the time), but with nothing to eat, they go to the neighbors for a feast..."*

If you can't avoid putting trash and garbage out the night before pick-up, please get one of these containers for your property. This is especially important if you have short-term renters whose trash is sometimes left out for days.

[Click here](#) for more information about bears in Colorado and how to help prevent their destruction because of human negligence. The highlighted section "Garbage Kills Bears" has very useful information on this topic.

Thank you,

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