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Dear Silver Shekel Property Owners,

The local bears are coming out of hibernation. They are looking for food and one of the worst things we humans do is allow them to feed on our garbage. Leaving standard garbage cans and trash bags out overnight is an invitation to them, as well as the ravens. In addition to the mess that's left behind, bears and garbage are a 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.

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.

Another very good solution is to use a garbage can that bears can't get into. One choice is the Toter 64 (~\$230) available at Lowes and (possibly) at Breckenridge Building Center. It works 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 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. There is also an [article in the Summit Daily](#) that you might find informative.

Sincerely,

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