


From: board@silvershekel.org 
Subject: Please Don't Feed the Bears
Date: August 17, 2025 at 7:15 AM
To:

B



Please Don't Feed the Bears

Dear Silver Shekel Property Owners,

We have been seeing reports of bear activity around Summit County, and just a couple nights ago here in Silver Shekel. Trash cans were rummaged overnight on the south end of Fairview Blvd.

Bears 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. 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 these situations are preventable.

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

Another very good solution is to use a garbage can that bears can't get into. These are available through your trash hauler for rent or purchase, or from [Lowe's](#) and [Ace Hardware](#), among others. (Check with your trash hauler for compatibility.) If you buy, **you are eligible for a rebate up to \$400 from [Summit County's Bear Safe Program](#).**

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,

Silver Shekel Owners Association
Board of Directors
board@silvershekel.org
www.silvershekel.org