

QUICK GUIDE

HOW TO SECURE YOUR GARBAGE BINS

Dear Resident,

This quick guide has been created by **WildSafeBC**, in partnership with **Squamish-Lillooet Regional District**, to help you minimize the risk of bears and other wildlife gaining access to your garbage. When wildlife, especially bears, access unsecured garbage, it poses a serious safety threat to both the bear and your community.

In this guide we propose two methods of securing your garbage bins when storing garbage indoors is not practical. We hope you find this information helpful and would like to remind you that your local WildSafeBC Community Coordinator is on hand to support with any wildlife related questions or concerns you may have.

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OPTION 1: LOCKABLE BIN STORAGE

This is the preferred method for preventing bears accessing garbage bins, when storing garbage indoors until collection day isn't possible.

When looking to purchase a bin storage you should consider the following features:

- Does the storage have a lid and locking feature?
- Is the storage made from a sturdy material?
- Is the storage a correct and convenient size?

Bin storages won't stop a determined bear, however they can make it more difficult for bears to smell your garbage, and more importantly, tip over a bin to make it easier to break in to access the food inside.

Note: A bin storage doesn't remove the need to secure the locking mechanisms on your bin if provided.



OPTION 2: SECURING TO POST/WALL

If a bin storage isn't practical, fixing your garbage bin to the wall is the next best option. Bears often tip the bin over and jump on its side in an attempt to break it open. By fixing your bin to a post or wall, you can prevent this from happening and keeping your bin, and the bear, safe.

There are several ways to do this:

- Using a strap/chain to secure the bin to a post.
- Installing a pair of hooks to secure the bin.
- Fixing a bracket to a wall to chain the bin to.
- Installing a bespoke bin wall lock.

These options are cheaper than a bin storage but can be less convenient. Remember, bins can get heavy when full and you'll need to unlock them on the morning of collection.

