

Hi everyone,

As we approach fall, its that time of year again when our furry friends are out and about scavenging for food. We've recently become aware of a major increase in the number of bear sightings spotted in town. If you happen to see a bear, please contact our local MNR branch as soon as possible.

While response times can be delayed based on availability, there are still a number of precautions you take to avoid bear troubles in your back yard. The first and most important step is to keep your garbage safe and locked away until garbage day if you can. Leaving trash bins out the night before gives bears ample opportunity to find their way to your house. Another thing to consider is cleaning up any pet food that could be outside, not just from dogs or cats; bird feeders can also attract these unwanted visitors. Finally, be sure that your outdoor grills are cleaned thoroughly, bears love the smell of BBQ even more than we do!

We've all seen and delt with bear season before, but by following these simple steps our hope that new bear sightings will be reduced to the point where local MNR dispatch can respond to incoming reports in a timely manner.