

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife: “Black bears are leaving winter dens, take down bird feeders and secure garbage”

Black bears are becoming increasingly common in Massachusetts and are moving further to the east.

As fascinating as black bears are, on occasion they can cause problems for people. With the increasing number of bears found in many areas of Massachusetts, it is important for residents to brush up on their bear knowledge. Learn how to avoid conflicts by making sure your property and neighborhood are not attracting black bears.

Be Bear Aware: *Use these resources to learn about black bears and how Massachusetts residents can coexist with bears.*

- Massachusetts is Bear Country (from Massachusetts Wildlife Magazine)
- For homeowners and pet owners
- For landlords, restaurants, & campgrounds
- For hikers and campers
- Protect your bees and chickens from black bears
- Protect your crops and orchards from black bears
- Protect your livestock from black bears

Printable Resources: *Print these tips and share them with friends and neighbors.*

- What to do if you encounter a black bear
- Quick tips for avoiding bear conflicts

- [Protect your chickens from black bears](#)
- [Beekeepers: Protect your hives from black bears](#)
- [Electric Fence Guide to Prevent Bear Damage](#)