



# DON'T FEED THAT BEAR!

Feeding causes bears to lose their fear of humans

## AVOID CONFLICTS & HELP PROTECT NC BEARS BY:

- Refraining from all forms of intentional feeding
- Keeping garbage secured or out of a bear's reach
- Choosing to watch wild animals without feeding them
- Refraining from feeding birds when a bear is in the area
- Feeding pets indoors or quickly removing bowls and excess food after use
- Cleaning grills after each use
- Closing car and house windows when you are away
- Talking to family and neighbors when bear activity is occurring in your area

## SECURE THESE ITEMS:

- Garbage
- Bird and wildlife feeders
- Pet food
- Barbeque grills
- Discarded table scraps
- Food left in cars and homes



**BLACK BEARS ARE A NORTH CAROLINA TREASURE**  
**FED BEARS BECOME DEAD BEARS**