



# YORKTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Wildlife Alert

The Yorktown Police Department is reporting possible bear activity in the Croton Heights area of Yorktown. Several residents of Revere and Rutledge Drive have reported evidence of bear activity. Footprints have been observed in snow covered ground and bird feeders have been tampered with. The bear itself has not been seen.

While this may seem like a great opportunity to get photographs of a bear, the public is strongly urged to remain indoors if you see a bear in your area and to contact the Yorktown Police Department at 962-4141. While bear sightings in the Town of Yorktown are not routine there have been occasional sightings over the past few years

As a reminder coyotes and foxes are numerous in our area, and the public is strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the steps listed below to assist in preventing negative coyote interactions.

Some recommended steps by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to reducing Human-Bear Conflicts are as follows: (taken from NYS DEC Website, link below)

- **Don't leave small children or pets unattended**
- **Remove bird feeders.** Bird feed such as suet and seeds are a very strong attraction for bears, even if they can't reach it.
- **Do not leave garbage outside of houses or garages.** Garbage is extremely attractive to bears. It should always be kept in sealed garbage cans inside a sturdy building like a garage or shed. Even dirty diapers will attract a bear. Note: Burning garbage is illegal and may increase its attractiveness to bears.
- **Mask garbage odors** with ammonia-soaked rags.
- **Remove the grease can from gas and charcoal grills after every use.** Turn the grill on "High" for several minutes after you are done cooking to burn off residual odors on the grill.
- **Do not place food outside to attract wildlife.** Any food used to attract birds, squirrels or other wildlife will also attract bears.
- **Do not feed pets outside.** Leftover food or even an empty dish can attract a bear.
- **Do not operate refrigerators or freezers outside or on porches.** Bears can smell what's inside.
- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6995.html>

Questions or concerns can be addressed by CSW Waterhouse @ 962-4457 x309