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## Bears, Foxes and Other Wildlife

Dear Silver Shekel Property Owners,

At our annual meeting in July we had a presentation by Alex Strasser, District Wildlife Manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. One of his important messages was that feeding wildlife, especially foxes and bears, is bad business. Doing so puts them in danger. Fox, for example, get [mange](#), a contagious disease which is spread by small mites and easily transmitted from scraps and feeding bowls. Bears are loading up with food for hibernation and, as we know, are in danger of being put down if there are too many encounters with humans.

Please don't feed wild creatures. They have plenty of natural food to eat and don't need our help. And it's illegal.

- Dog dishes should not be left out.
- Remove bird feeders between April and November.
- Do not put your garbage cans out overnight. Wait until the morning of pick-up. Timberline picks up on Wednesdays, Waste Management on Thursdays and Garbage Gurus on Fridays.

**Summit County has a program called [Bear Safe Summit](#) that provides \$400 reimbursement for people upgrading to bear-resistant trash cans. It is funded by a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.**

Here are a couple of links that have some very useful information:

Living with Bears  
[cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us)



You Can Help Keep Bears Wild!  
[coloradooutdoorsmag.com](http://coloradooutdoorsmag.com)

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