



# A GROWN-UP COMMITMENT TO SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS



## **SOUTH FLORIDA IS BEAR TERRITORY**

Bear numbers are increasing in our area. Outside of Central Florida, southern Florida has the largest black bear population in the state with an average of 1,150 bears now living here. By taking some common sense steps, we can increase safety for both people and bears.

## **GARBAGE: THE BIG STINK**

By keeping our trash secure all the time, we avoid luring black bears into our neighborhood with the scent of an easy meal. And that means bears are less likely to encounter people and pets – or do property damage.

**BEARS CAN  
SMELL OUR  
TRASH FROM  
OVER A MILE  
AWAY!**

## **SECURE YOUR TRASH: MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS BEAR WISE**

During the week, it's best to secure trash in a bear resistant trash can, a garage, or other protected storage like a secure shed. Then wait until the morning on trash pickup day to put the garbage and recycling out so the bears don't turn your street into a messy midnight buffet. Sign this form and turn it in at Naples Zoo at 1590 Goodlette Rd. To show others your commitment to neighborhood safety, you'll receive a free color decal to put on your trash can to let others know you care.

**GET YOUR  
FREE COLOR  
DECAL FOR  
YOUR TRASH  
CAN!**



Get More Info Sheets to Share with Friends and Neighbors When They Ask About Your Sticker Plus Find Even More Wildlife Safety Tips at [WWW.NAPLESZOO.ORG/BEAR](http://WWW.NAPLESZOO.ORG/BEAR).



**I WILL HELP!** As a parent, family member, or neighbor that cares about children and pets in my neighborhood as well as bears, I commit to:

1. Keep my garbage secure during the week.
2. Put my garbage and recycling out in the morning on trash days.
3. Place a free sticker on my trash can to spread the word.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail for Bear Safety Information & News \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_