

## Bears Sighted in the Atikokan Area

### NEWS

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Ontario is asking area residents to be aware of bear sightings in Atikokan and to take the necessary steps to avoid attracting bears into local neighbourhoods.

Over the past few weeks, people in the area have reported a number of interactions with black bears. Of the reported incidents, most involved attractants such as household and commercial garbage.

Ontario is reminding the public that bears are often attracted to things such as garbage, bird food including suet, seed and nectar, odours from barbecues and ripe fruit left on trees or on the ground. Removing these attractants can help keep bears out of the area.

### QUICK FACTS

- If a bear poses an immediate threat to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, call 911 or your local police.
- For advice on removing bear attractants, call the Bear Wise reporting line toll-free at 1-866-514-2327, Hearing Impaired (TTY) 1-705-945-7641. You will be connected with a live operator during bear season (April 1 to November 30).

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- What to do in emergency and non-emergency situations: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise> .
  - Visit [ontario.ca/bearwise](https://www.ontario.ca/bearwise) to learn more about how to avoid attracting bears and what to do if you encounter one.
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