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**KEEPING BEARS ALIVE AND YOU SAFE!!!**

**This information is presented to  
all Homeowners, Guests, and Businesses in the Village of Taos Ski Valley.**

Black Bears are known to roam freely in the Village of Taos Ski Valley during the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. This notice is to remind you to please adhere to the following:

- 1) Garbage – store it in closed, sturdy cans kept **INSIDE** a sturdy metal shed or garage OR in your home. **DO NOT** put garbage outside for the night. **DO NOT** put garbage or food inside your vehicles. Bears **WILL** rip apart your car. A Trash Compactor is available for your use at the Sewer Plant, and you can use it 24/7. Please **LOCK** the door to the compactor when you are finished. Call 575-776-8220 if you have questions as to the location and how it works.

**GARBAGE CANS OUTSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS IS A DIRECT  
VIOLATION OF VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY ORDINANCE #2011-49  
AND YOU WILL BE FINED ACCORDINGLY.**

- 2) Pet Food – feed pets indoors. **DO NOT** store pet food outside.
- 3) Bird Feeders –**DO NOT** put hummingbird feeders where bears can reach them.
- 4) **DO NOT** leave the doors to your home open.
- 5) **DO NOT** provide compost piles of food for “the little critters.” You’re feeding the big ones too.
- 6) Barbecues – Clean them after each use. Bears will lick the grease off your grill.
- 7) **DO NOT** let your small children or grandchildren play outdoors by themselves.

Bears are **NOT** afraid of you. Once a bear finds food on your property, he will keep coming back. No panic is necessary, but by using a little common sense, we can all exist in the forest together, with no one getting hurt.

**If you should feel threatened by a bear, please call 911**

**Homeowners, please make certain you provide this document to your renters.**

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