

Bears can smell food from miles away.

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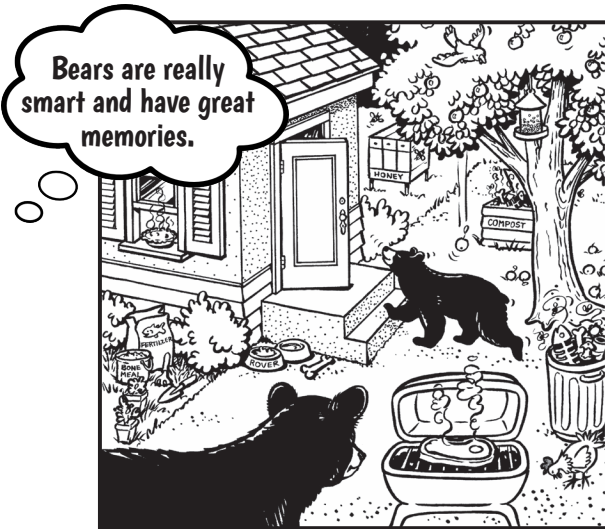
What's wrong with this picture?

Can you find 11 things that will attract hungry, curious bears?

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- #2 _____
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- #8 _____
- #9 _____
- #10 _____
- #11 _____

ANSWERS ON THE BACK SIDE





How many things did you spot that would attract bears?

Add your numbers from the other side.

___ **Pie is cooling in the open window and smells SOOOO good.**

A bear could swipe it right off the windowsill or walk in the open door and help itself.

___ **Nobody is watching the grill.**

Does anything smell better than meat cooking on the grill? Not to a bear! Don't leave food where a bear can reach it and be sure to clean the grill when you're done.

___ **Pet bowl is full of food.**

Pet food is full of calories. It's best to feed pets inside. If you have to feed them outside, bring bowls in as soon as they're done eating and then clean up the area.

___ **Bone meal and fish fertilizer are used to grow plants.**

People think bone meal and fish fertilizer smell yucky ... bears think they smell like dinner. Both can attract all sorts of critters who will dig up your garden.

___ **Ripe fruit is easy pickings.**

Whether it's on the tree or on the ground, ripe fruit smells delicious. Pick fruit before it ripens and pick up any on the ground.

___ **Chicken is roaming around.**

Chicken dinner goes great with pie! *Bonus:* Is that chicken feed on the ground? Bears love all kinds of animal feed.

___ **Beehive is unprotected.**

A beehive full of honey makes a sweet treat for a hungry bear.

___ **Compost bin is overflowing.**

Meat and fish leftovers don't belong in compost; they will attract lots of critters (bugs and skunks!) including bears.



___ **Garbage is easy to grab.**

Garbage smells stinky to us but great to a bear. To keep bears out, store trash in a locked garage, sturdy shed, trash corral or locked bear-resistant garbage can.

___ **Door and window are open.**

Open doors and windows are open invitations to bears. Keep doors and windows closed **and** locked so bears aren't tempted to drop in.

___ **Bird feeder has nutritious birdseed.**

Feed birds only when bears aren't active. Visit our website to learn how to attract birds, not bears.



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