

You live in the Bear Buffer Zone.

Starting April 30th, all garbage must be stored in a bear resistant container or bear resistant enclosure.

Bear resistant containers must be certified by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) or approved by a Montana FWP bear management team biologist.

Under the new rules, a standard garbage container cannot be used unless it is in an approved bear resistant enclosure that is directly accessible by the hauler.

Don't overfill your container

Containers must be fully closed with the lid latched.

Bear resistant containers only work if bears can't access the garbage.

Bear resistant containers can be put out for collection the night before pickup, but they must be brought back from the road within 8 hours of collection.*

*This does not apply to alleys.



If you do not already have an IGBC certified container, you can rent a bear resistant container from your garbage hauler or purchase a container that is compatible with their collection method.

Call your current hauler before you buy!
Grizzly Disposal Republic Services
(406) 541-7171 (406) 543-3157

For a list of approved containers, visit
<https://igbconline.org/programs/bear-resistant-products/>

If you already lease a container from your hauler, they will automatically change it out before or shortly after April 30th.

Grizzly Disposal uses
Toter containers.



Republic Services uses
Kodiak containers.





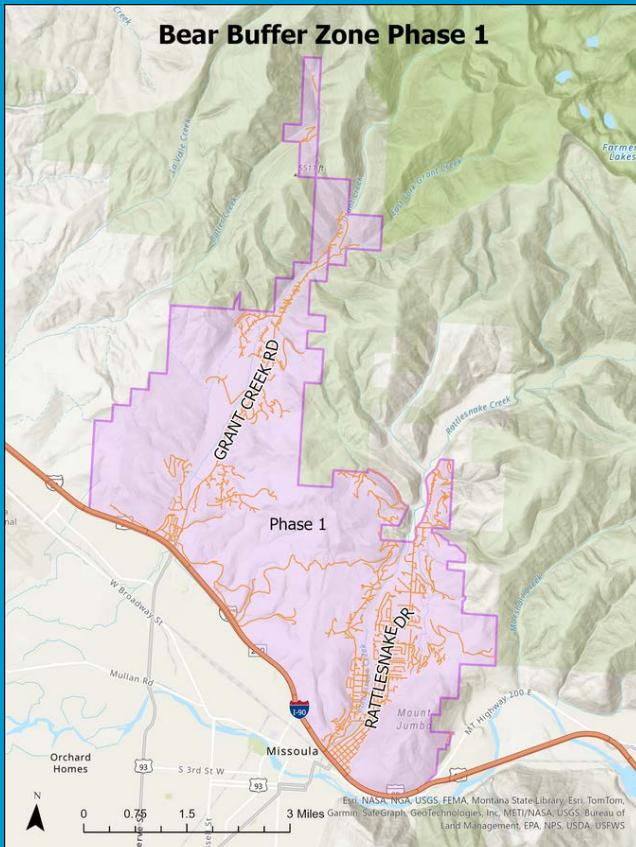
49% of human–bear conflicts in Missoula are cause by unsecured garbage.

These rules are in place to reduce human–bear conflicts and to protect people, property and bears.

Numerous black bears live in and around the Missoula Valley. In recent years, grizzlies have become more common. Bears are attracted to the area, because it's easy to find food here. Once bears become conditioned to eating garbage, they may have to be relocated or euthanized to keep us safe. Even then, new bears will move in if unsecured garbage is still available.

For more information or to report bear sightings, visit missoulabears.org.

To determine if you are in the Bear Buffer Zone, visit <https://gis.missoulacounty.us/propertyinformation>, enter your address, and click on facts.



If you are a landlord, please pass this information on to your tenants in the Bear Buffer Zone.

How to use your bear resistant can Toter

Fully Automated 64-gallon Cart

Squeeze the lock
and lift the lid
with your other
hand



Northland Products

Kodiak Fully Automated 65 & 95-gallon Carts

Swipe the latch left
to right with your
index finger and lift
the lid with your
other hand



If you have questions about these rules, contact
Missoula Public Health at
envhealth@missoulacounty.us
or (406) 258-4755