

GOOD NEIGHBOR CHECKLIST



Being Bear Smart means being a good neighbor by not attracting bears. Here are a few simple things you can do to avoid feeding bears unnatural people foods. A parent can initial these as you complete them. When finished, return your completed form to your teacher to collect your Bear Smart Sticker and certificate stating that **YOU ARE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!**

PARENT
INITIALS

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| I stored my garbage can in a safe place during the week, like in the garage, shed, or in a bear-resistant trash container. | |
| I put out the trash on the morning of trash collection, not the night before. | |
| I cleaned out our trash container with ammonia and water to reduce odors, and will continue to do so occasionally. | |
| I helped my parents take down our bird feeders, including hummingbird feeders, or we placed them at least 10 feet out of the reach of bears. I cleaned up any fallen seed and stored birdseed in a safe location. | |
| I helped my parents pick fruit before it was ripe and helped get all the fruit off the tree, even shaking the branches to get some fruit down. I picked all fruit from the ground. | |
| I fed my pets indoors and stored all pet food inside, in the garage, shed, or in a bear-resistant container. | |
| I cleaned the barbecue grill and helped with moving it to a safe location. | |
| I closed and locked all lower windows and doors, including the garage door, when we are gone or asleep. | |
| I did not leave any food or trash in the vehicle. | |
| I told my parents and neighbors what I learned about black bears, so that they can be BEAR SMART, and help protect their homes and bears. | |

My student, _____, has completed all of the activities on the Bear Smart Good Neighbor Checklist.