



Dear Resident: This is your new bear-resistant garbage bin. It replaces your original green garbage bin. You are a part of year 3 of a 3-year changeover for all Golden residents.

### **They work!**

The Conservation Officers, WildSafeBC Community Coordinator, and our Bylaw Officer have noticed a sharp drop in bear issues where people are using these bins.

**Please read this sheet carefully and comply with the rules stated.**

**The Conservation Officer Service and our Bylaw Enforcement Officer are now enforcing and issuing fines to residents not using the bins properly.**

1. To use the bin, **UNCLIP** the locking latches and place your garbage in the container.
2. Close the lid and ensure **BOTH** latches are locked again.
3. This container **MUST** remain locked **24 hours a day**.
4. On the morning of garbage pick-up, leave the bin **UNLOCKED** until your garbage has been collected. The bin **MUST** be relocked.
5. Except for pickup days, bins **MUST** be kept locked in a shed, garage or an enclosure to ensure bears don't have access to them.  
If you do not have a place to store your bin, there are many DIY methods to secure your bin that can be effective - using straps for example.
6. If your bin is damaged in any way, please report it to [bylaw@golden.ca](mailto:bylaw@golden.ca).  
If the bins and/or clips are broken, it is up to the home owner to report this.  
Not reporting the damage **WILL** result in fines.

If you require more information or assistance with the new bear-resistant bin, please contact the Town of Golden at 250-344-2271.