



# A GROWN-UP COMMITMENT TO SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS



## SOUTH FLORIDA IS BEAR TERRITORY

Bear numbers are increasing in our area. Outside of Central Florida, southern Florida has the largest black bear population in the state with an average of 1,035 bears now living here. By taking some common sense steps, we can increase safety for both people and bears.

## GARBAGE: THE BIG STINK

By keeping our trash secure all the time, we avoid luring black bears into our neighborhood with the scent of an easy meal. And that means bears are less likely to encounter people and pets – or do property damage.

**BEARS CAN SMELL OUR TRASH FROM OVER A MILE AWAY!**

## SECURE YOUR TRASH: MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS BEAR WISE

During the week, it's best to secure trash in a bear resistant trash can, a garage, or other protected storage like a secure shed. Then wait until the morning on trash pickup day to put the garbage and recycling out so the bears don't turn your street into a messy midnight buffet.

**GET YOUR COLOR DECAL FOR YOUR TRASH CAN!**



Get More Info Sheets to Share with Friends and Neighbors When They Ask About Your Sticker Plus Find Even More Wildlife Safety Tips at [WWW.NAPLESZOO.ORG/BEAR](http://WWW.NAPLESZOO.ORG/BEAR).



**I WILL HELP!** As a parent or neighbor that cares about children and pets in my neighborhood as well as bears, I commit to secure my garbage during the week and wait until the morning on trash days to put my garbage and recycling out.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: E-mail for Bear Safety Info & News \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_

**TO RECEIVE YOUR YELLOW BEAR DECAL IN PERSON:** Bring this form and 50 cents (to offset decal costs) to any Naples Zoo ticket box.

**TO RECEIVE BY MAIL:** Tape 2 quarters on this form and mail it along with a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to this address:

Naples Zoo: BEAR Decal 1590 Goodlette Rd N. Naples FL 34102

