DON’T FEED THAT BEAR!
Feeding causes bears to lose their fear of humans

AVOID CONFLICTS & HELP PROTECT NC BEARS BY:

• Refraining from all forms of intentional feeding
• Keeping garbage secured or out of a bear’s reach
• Choosing to watch wild animals without feeding them
• Refraining from feeding birds when a bear is in the area
• Feeding pets indoors or quickly removing bowls and excess food after use
• Cleaning grills after each use
• Closing car and house windows when you are away
• Talking to family and neighbors when bear activity is occurring in your area

SECURE THESE ITEMS:

- Garbage
- Bird and wildlife feeders
- Pet food
- Barbeque grills
- Discarded table scraps
- Food left in cars and homes

BLACK BEARS ARE A NORTH CAROLINA TREASURE
FED BEARS BECOME DEAD BEARS

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