

“I received payment for half the cost of the fence, as well as guidance on how to design and install the fence, from Defenders of Wildlife. I might not have gone forward with the project without the cost assistance, and I doubt if the design would have been as effective without the technical assistance. There have been bears on the property, but they have not gotten into the yard to harass the chickens or partake of the vegetables.”

—KENNETH B., SEELEY LAKE, MONT.

“A properly constructed electrified fence is both safe for people, livestock and pets, and has proved effective at deterring bears from human-related resources such as beehives, garbage and small livestock.”

—KIM ANNIS, GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST
MONTANA FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS

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Carefully designed and properly installed electric fencing is a simple and effective deterrent to bears drawn to your property by chickens and other attractants.



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COVER: A GRIZZLY TEARS INTO A TRASH CONTAINER.

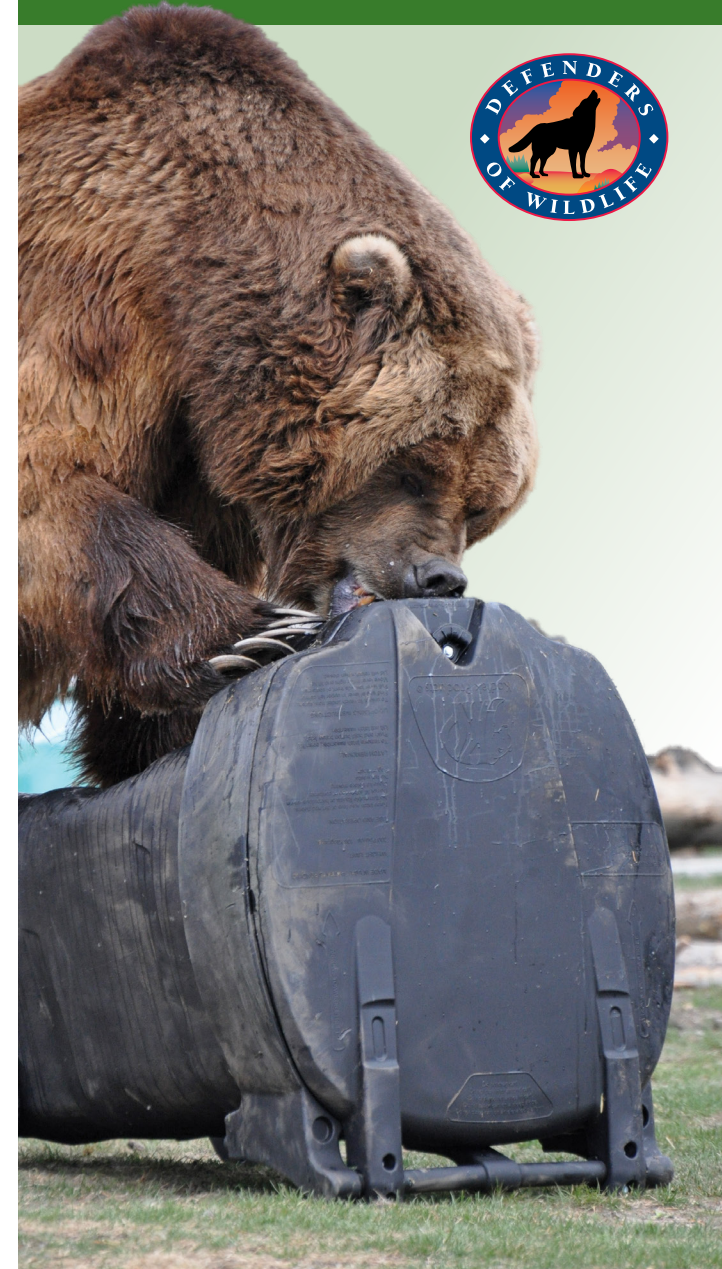
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Got Bears?

Install a bear-resistant electric fence.

Defenders of Wildlife can help you pay for it.



Chicken coops, beehives, fruit trees, garbage and other sources of enticing odors can draw hungry and curious bears and other wildlife to your property. Properly installed bear-resistant electric fencing is a simple and effective way to keep them away. If you live in our program area, Defenders of Wildlife can help you design a fence to keep bears out of things they shouldn't get into and reimburse you for 50 percent of the cost— up to \$500. (Additional funding considered on a case-by-case basis.)



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A black bear is about to find out that this chicken coop is protected by a newly installed electric fence.

Defenders' Electric Fencing Program

Participating in the program is simple:

1. See the eligible counties and qualifying bear “attractants” (opposite) to find out if you qualify. Then contact Defenders to secure a place on our list for reimbursement. **Funding is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.**
2. Plan your project. Defenders can provide information on design and materials specific to your project. **To qualify for reimbursement, your fence must be effectively bear-deterrent, which requires proper design and materials, including a 0.70 joule (or greater) energizer.** For more details, see *Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Electric Fence Guide for Bears*, available at https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwpc/conservation/wildlife-reports/bears/mfwpc_electric-fencing-guide_v4.0.pdf (or by scanning the QR code on the back of this brochure).
3. Once you complete your fence, submit the form (opposite) and required documentation before the end of the calendar year in which you secured a place on the reimbursement list. **If you're unable to complete your fence within the calendar year, please let us know.** We can't guarantee funding will remain available the following year, but we'll keep your name on our list.

Eligible Counties

Idaho: Bonner, Boundary, Clark, Fremont, Lemhi, Madison, Teton

Washington: Pend Oreille, Stevens

Wyoming: Freemont, Hot Springs, Park, Sublette, Teton

Montana: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Carbon, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton

Fenceable Bear Attractants*

Chicken coops • Garbage • Beehives
 Fruit trees • Livestock/pet feed
 Food-waste compost • Carcass pits
 Boneyards • Restaurant grease containers
 Backcountry hunting camps
 Hanging game • Livestock

*Something else attracting bears to your property?
 Call us to see if it qualifies for the fencing incentive.

Application Form

Complete this form and gather the following documentation:

- Signed W-9 form (strictly for Defenders' tax purposes)
- Copies of receipts for all fencing supplies purchased
- Photos of your completed fence

Submit form and required documentation to:

Defenders of Wildlife
P.O. Box 1858
Missoula, MT 59806
Attn: Electric Fence Incentive Program

DATE

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

EMAIL

PHONE

AMOUNT SPENT

COMMENTS (Your feedback helps us adapt and improve the program.)

FORM ALSO AVAILABLE AT WWW.DEFENDERS.ORG/GOT-BEARS

Questions? Contact Russ Talmo, (406) 728-8800 or rtalmo@defenders.org.