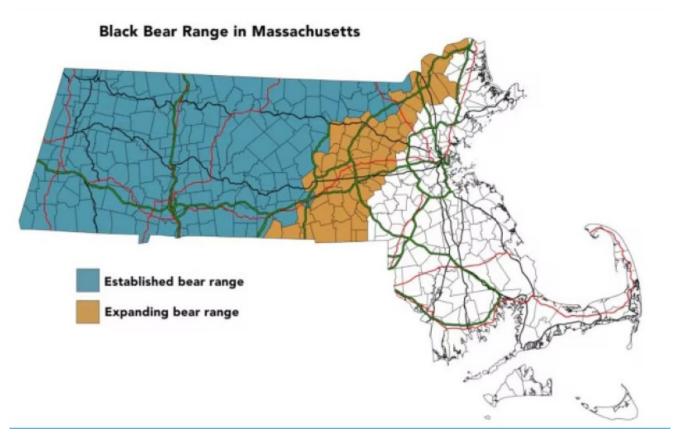
Massachusetts Officials advise residents: black bears emerging from dens are looking for food

"Black bears are emerging from their dens and are looking for food. Bears will always go for an easy meal so follow these simple steps to make your yard less attractive to bears.

- ✓□ Take down your bird feeders. Birdfeeders are full of calorie-rich seeds that bears love to eat.
- ✓□ Secure your trash in closed containers in a garage or outbuilding. Don't leave your trash out at the curb overnight where bears can find it.
- ✓□ Protect your pets. The presence of a dog could trigger a bear to be aggressive. Keep dogs leashed when they're outdoors and never let dogs chase or interact with bears.

Share these tips with your neighbors! These efforts are even more powerful when neighbors work together."-Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.



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