

# Massachusetts Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife alert: black bears coming out of hibernation now

“During winter, black bears den in hollow trees, in rock crevices, or just on the ground under brush piles. When bears regularly find food like bird seed or trash in neighborhoods, they are more likely to den at sites closer to people. Now that bears are out of hibernation, learn how you can help keep bears wild:

As fascinating as black bears are, on occasion they can cause problems for people. With the increasing number of bears found in many areas of Massachusetts, it is important for residents to brush up on their bear knowledge. Learn how to avoid conflicts by making sure your property and neighborhood are not attracting black bears.

Learn more about the black bear, their habits, food preferences, guides for homeowners, campers, restaurants, and more here.” -Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.