Massachusetts Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife: prevent a visit from black bears as they fatten up for winter

At this time of year, black bears are fattening up for winter. You can help keep bears wild by removing bird feeders, feeding pets indoors, and securing garbage and compost. Depending on food availability and snow cover, bears typically enter winter dens in November and December.

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.