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Custer Gallatin National Forest



Food Storage Requirements

Custer Gallatin National Forest



Special food storage requirements

Are in effect on the Beartooth, Gardiner, Yellowstone, Hebgen Lake and Bozeman Ranger Districts of the Custer Gallatin National Forest from March 1—December 1 annually. Bear populations are increasing within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and it is important for human and wildlife safety that everyone helps prevent bears from becoming habituated to human food and attractants.

What Is Required?

In the Daytime – All attractants must be acceptably stored or attended. Attended means that someone is within 100 feet and has a direct line of sight to accessible attractants.

At Night – Unless being transported, eaten or being prepared, all attractants must be attended by a person who is awake or be properly stored.

Acceptable Methods Of Storage

To be properly stored, attractants must be:

- ◆ Stored in an enclosed and locked hard-sided vehicle (including pick-up camper shell or enclosed horse trailer) with all the windows closed;
- ◆ Stored in a bear food storage box or other approved bear resistant container that is locked, bolted, or secured according to manufacturer's recommendations;
- ◆ Suspended at least ten feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole; or
- ◆ Enclosed within certified bear food storage electric fencing.

Attractants Include

Bears will investigate anything that has a scent, including food, drinks, alcoholic beverages, sealed food and drinks, trash, empty food and beverage containers, coolers, BBQ grills, cookware, pet food, fish bait, livestock feeds and grains, personal and hygiene products (e.g. toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm, bug spray, etc.).

Camping Tips

Whether camping in a campground or in the backcountry, make your campsite a bear avoidance campsite by:

- ◆ Always keeping a clean camp.
- ◆ Keeping your sleeping area, tent, and sleeping bag free of food and odors.
- ◆ Not sleeping in the clothes that you wore while cooking or handling fish or game.
- ◆ Cleaning barbecue grills and store them so they are unavailable to bears.
- ◆ Not burning garbage with food smells.
- ◆ Using bear-resistant trash receptacles and food storage lockers where available.
- ◆ Keeping pets under supervision and control at all times and feeding them inside.
- ◆ Water and hay are not attractants.

For additional Food Storage Order information (Occupancy and Use Order #01-11-00-23-02) please visit the Custer Gallatin Forest website. For bear information including certified bear resistant products visit <http://igbconline.org>

Notes:

FOOD & ODORS ATTRACT BEARS

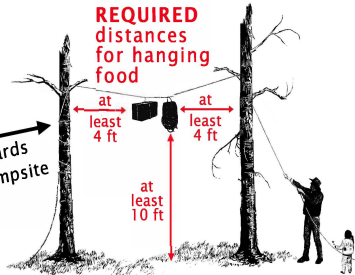
For public safety and wildlife protection, all food and wildlife attractants, when unattended, must be properly stored:



- using a certified food storage method, or
- in a hard-sided vehicle, or
- as shown here:

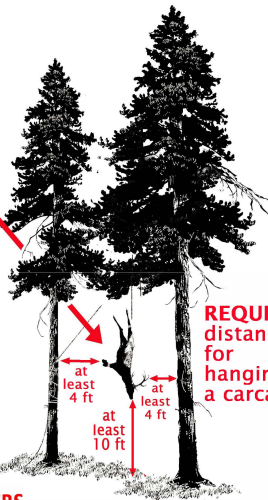


RECOMMENDED
store food at least 100 yards from your backcountry campsite



RECOMMENDED
cook at least 100 yards from your backcountry campsite

HUNTERS
Properly hung carcasses are **REQUIRED** to be at least 100 yards from occupied camping areas



HUNTERS
Carcasses or gut piles left on the ground are **REQUIRED** to be at least 1/4 mile from occupied camping areas and more than 200 yards from any road or trail

WILDLIFE ATTRACTANTS INCLUDE:

- all food & beverages
- items with food odors
- coolers
- cooking grease
- garbage
- toiletries & cosmetics
- pet food & stock feed
- carcasses
- carcass parts



Violations of the Food Storage Order are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Refer to www.igbconline.org for a list of certified food storage methods.

For more information contact one of the following offices Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Custer Gallatin National Forest Supervisor's Office

10 East Babcock
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-587-6701

Hebgen Lake Ranger District

330 Gallatin Road
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-823-6961

Bozeman Ranger District

3710 Fallon Street
Bozeman, MT 59718
406-522-2520

Yellowstone Ranger District

5242 Highway 89 South
Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-1892

Gardiner Ranger Station

805 Scott Street West
Gardiner, MT 59030
406-848-7375

Beartooth Ranger District

6811 Highway 212
Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-2103

Billings Work Center

5001 Southgate Drive, Suite 2
Billings, MT 59101
406-255-1400

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Additional Information for Hunters

Any harvested animal carcass, including all parts, must be acceptably stored.

- ◆ It is prohibited to store a carcass within 100 yards of a known occupied camping area;
- ◆ Carcasses or carcass parts located between 100 yards and 1/4 mile from a known occupied camping area or within 200 yards of a Forest Service road or trail must be moved or stored using an approved storage method; and
- ◆ Carcasses or carcass parts may be left on the ground if more than 1/4 mile from a known occupied camping area and at least 200 yards from a Forest Service road or trail.

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