



# Bear-Resistant Trash Solutions

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## 1. Bear-Resistant Containers

There are a number of options for bear resistant trash containers. The key is to find one that is durable and certified as bear resistant. It should have a lid locking mechanism that only human hands can operate.

Listed below are a few examples:

### **Toter 96 Gallon Bear-Resistant Can on Wheels (Model 79B96)**

- Industry standard municipal can
- Also available in 64 gallon size
- Gravity locking lid
- Link: <https://www.toter.com/products/homeowners/bear-tough-carts-bear-resistant-trash-cans>

### **Toter 96 Gallon Bear Can on Wheels (Ace Hardware)**

- Widely available locally in North Carolina
- Also available in 64 gallon size
- Same core design as municipal models
- Link: [Toter Bear Resistant 96 gal Black Polyethylene Wheeled Garbage Can Lid Included Mfr# 79A96-B0209 - Ace Hardware](#)

### **ULINE Toter Bear Tough 96 Gallon Can on Wheels**

- Commercial-grade version with reinforced components
- Also available in 64 gallon size
- Ideal for rentals or heavy use
- Link: [Bear Tough Trash Cans with Wheels in Stock - Uline](#)

### **Bearicuda Stealth 2 (95 Gallon)**

- Advanced locking system for high bear activity areas
- Link: [Animalproof and bearproof garbage can collection by Bearicuda Bins](#)

## **2. Permanent Bear-Resistant Systems (Trash Enclosures & Fixed Installations)**

**Permanent bear resistant container systems are quite varied. Listed below are systems that were specifically designed to keep bears out while others were designed for other purposes and adapted as bear resistant container systems.**

### **BearSaver Bearier Residential Enclosure**

- Steel enclosure for one or two cans
- Excellent for homes and rentals
- Link: [BearSaver Bearier™ - Residential Double Trash Can Enclosure - RCE230F](#)

### **Bearicuda Razorback Metal Enclosures**

- Heavy-duty steel enclosure for one or more cans
- Ideal for high bear pressure areas
- Link: [Metal Trash Can Storage Enclosures For Businesses, Parks & Playgrounds](#)

### **Bearicuda Highlander Metal Enclosures**

- Loads from top but with front opening doors
- Link: [Bear Proof Box And Metal Enclosure Keeps Grizzly Bears Out](#)

### **Barco Bear-Proof Trash Receptacle**

- Commercial-grade permanent installation
- Used in parks and public spaces
- Link: [Bear Proof Receptacles - Trash Cans - Barco Products](#)

### **Other Solutions**

These solutions are not Bear Resistant Certified but can be made bear resistant. They will require double locking clasps and anchoring to the ground,

Many construction on-site job boxes are used in Montreat. They are available at home supply stores like Lowes and Home Depot.

#### **Lowes Construction Job Boxes:**

<https://www.lowes.com/search?searchTerm=construction+job+boxes>

#### **Home Depot Job Boxes:**

<https://www.homedepot.com/s/construction%20job%20boxes?NCNI-5>

**Here is an example of how a Montreater bought a Lowes job box and made it bear resistant:**



**Note the modifications:**

1. The owner painted the box green to blend into the environment and added whimsical, fun stickers to personalize it
2. A concrete pad was poured and the box was anchored to the pad with bolts. Another option is to anchor it to two 4x4 posts sunk 2-3' into the ground with concrete.
3. Double padlock hasps were installed on each side to prevent bears from bending the corners up and to secure the box
4. Two chains with heavy duty carabiners lock the lid closed

**For further information or to speak to a town representative about this subject, call 828/669-8002 or email [trash@townofmontreat.org](mailto:trash@townofmontreat.org). Public Works staff will inspect your container(s) to ensure they are in compliance.**