

Bear Conflict Mitigation and Prevention Land Development Regulations Going Into Effect July 1, 2009

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: How did Teton County identify and map bear conflict priority areas?

A: Bear conflict priority areas were identified as those areas in Teton County that overlap with, lay adjacent to, or are in close proximity to, known bear-occupied habitat and/or regular travel corridors and/or seasonal bear-use areas, as documented by empirical research or wildlife management actions and observations. The County obtained these data from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. If you have any questions regarding how these data were collected by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, please contact Bear Management Specialist, Mike Boyce, at 733-2383, ext. 270.

- Q: What is a certified bear-resistant container/dumpster?

A: Certified bear-resistant containers or dumpsters meet the “minimum structural design standards” published by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) in 1989 or has successfully passed the testing program and protocols recited in the *Bear-Resistant Products Testing Program* (October, 2005).

- Q: How do I obtain a certified bear-resistant container?

A: Many sanitation companies and property management companies will be replacing your current trash container with a certified bear-resistant container. Please contact your sanitation company or property management company to find out if they intend to replace your trash container. Certified bear-resistant containers can be purchased locally at **Ace Hardware**

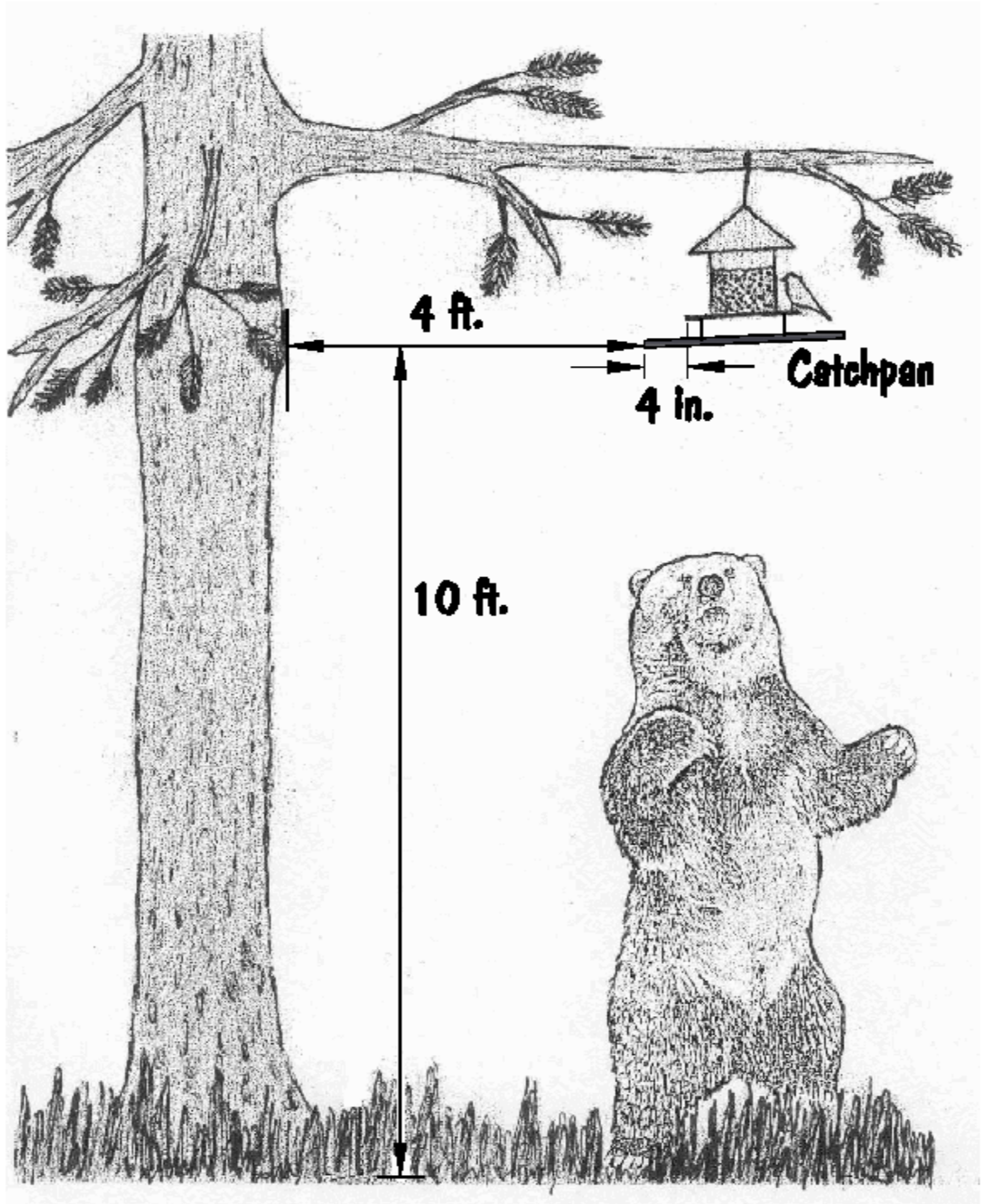
- Q: What is a bear-resistant building or enclosure?

A: The new regulations define a bear-resistant enclosure/building as an enclosure/building that consists of and/or contains the following:

1. a framed building or enclosure with hard sides and a roof constructed of hard wood, non-reflective metal or other like product reasonably designed and manufactured to withstand an intrusion by a bear; or
2. Chain-link fencing no less than six (6) feet in height, at the top of which is barbed-wire fencing angled outwards; or
3. Functional and maintained electrical fencing designed to exclude bears; or
4. A combination of (1), (2), and/or (3) above; and
5. Functional, maintained self-latching doors/gates, or doors and gates with locks.

Examples of bear-resistant enclosures include, but are not limited to, garages, metal sheds, houses, and electrified fencing designed to exclude bears or any other building designed and constructed to prevent access by bears.

- Q: Can you provide me with a picture showing the proper way to hang my birdfeeder?



- Q: My property is located in Conflict Priority Area 1, but is located south of Wyoming State Highway 22 and south of Broadway Street in Jackson. Do these regulations apply to me?

A: All County property owners located in Conflict Priority Area 1 and located south of Wyoming State Highway 22 and south of Broadway Street in Jackson shall comply with the Land Development Regulations above by **July 1, 2010**.

- Q: Where can I view the approved County regulations?

A: To view the regulations, please visit the following website -

<http://www.tetonwyo.org/plan/pdplan/nav/201979.asp> - click on Article IV, and go to Division 49700, *Bear Conflict Mitigation and Prevention* and Division 49230, *Refuse and Recycle Facilities*.

Alternatively, feel free to visit the Teton County Planning Department any time from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday) to view the regulations within our office. The Teton County Planning and Development Department is located on the second floor of the Teton County Administration Building (200 S. Willow Street).

- Q: Who should I contact with any additional questions I might have?

A: If you have any questions regarding the Land Development Regulations please contact the Teton County Planning and Development Department at 307-733-3959.