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Garbage bin campaign aims to prevent human-wildlife conflicts in Williams Lake

The Cariboo Regional District and City of Williams Lake are partnering with WildSafeBC to educate residents about preventing human-wildlife conflict in Williams Lake.

Garbage is the number one attractant for black bears, which is why garbage bins should not be placed on the curb the night before scheduled pickup.

Throughout the summer, beginning on Tuesday, July 25, WildSafeBC will be visiting various neighbourhoods in Williams Lake and targeting garbage bins placed on the curb the night before pickup. Targeted bins will receive bright yellow stickers warning residents their garbage is an attractant for wildlife.

By warning residents and educating the public about attractant management through initiatives such as garbage tagging, WildSafeBC hopes to prevent human-wildlife conflict in the City and CRD.

WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions.

For more information about the program or for tips on wildlife safety visit <https://wildsafebc.com>, follow www.facebook.com/WildSafeBCCariboo on Facebook or contact the local WildSafeBC Community Coordinator, Laylah Fariad at cariboo@wildsafebc.com.

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