



Wildlife-Resistant Trash Bin and Other Options

August 4th, 2017

Since a few bears were sighted recently in Ridgway, efforts have been made to create outreach on waste awareness to mitigate these issues, such as flyers with information posted by staff and volunteers around town.

Additionally, discussion of wildlife-resistant bins for purchase has been an ongoing topic:

- In January, Bruin Waste Management gave a presentation of their options for wildlife-resistant containers. In response to the size of these products, choices for smaller-sized bins was desired.
- Since the Town Council meeting in January, Bruin has identified smaller options (68-gallon).
- The Town's contract with Bruin expires May 31, 2018, so bulk bins are not currently stored and available for resale, but Bruin would accommodate a bulk order from the Town.
- As the Town advertises for waste/recycle bids in 2018, it will be important to include direction on whether supplying wildlife-resistant bins will be part of the contract.

In the interim between now and June 2018, here are a few options the Council might consider to assist residents with not attracting and retaining bears. These options are not necessarily mutually exclusive.

1. Purchasing a bulk order (minimum 100-count) from Bruin of their smaller-sized bins (68-gallon), as opposed to the 96-gallon option that was presented previously: (these are not their bins, but just a Google search for size reference.)



\$235.00 each; **\$23,500** cost to the Town

Considerations: Town staff take pre-orders to assure resale, resale, Town storage of bins, Town staff time, unbudgeted expense in 2017, Bruin deliver addresses pre-ordering, and charge through current billing system with Bruin; consistency through town for contractor pickup. Although smaller, and they are may still be quite large based on public comment from the January 2017 meeting.



2. Purchase a bulk order of bins outside of Bruin. Same as above, only Town staff find bins and then take commitments from citizens. Town purchase and distribute bins and collect payments directly.

Considerations: still the issue of size and limited options, Town staff time to take calls, compile information, place order, store, distribute, and is an unbudgeted 2017 expense. The Town will have to store, distribute and bill for the bins, which will take quite a bit of time and logistics.

3. Provide outreach on third-party vendors online, such as Bearicuda Bear Bins (for example, other vendors exist and could be explored). This would be an option for the public to purchase bins directly from vendors themselves. (cheaper in quantities of 4 or 5+)

Considerations: greater variety of options in size and price, no storage of the Town, no payment by the Town, but unable to pick up or view product before purchase, and applicable shipping costs.

96 & 64 Gallon BEARICUDA Stealth Bin™ - Bear Proof Garbage Can				
Qty	Item	Description	1-3	4+
<input type="checkbox"/>	STL296 Buy Now	96 Gallon BEARICUDA Stealth Bin™ Dim: 43 3/4" Height X 30 1/4" Width X 36" Depth / Weight 55 lbs – Comes with Built-in Wheels, no assembly required - Holds 27.2 Cubic Feet - Load Rating 335 lbs/152.0 kg/ 10" Wheel Dia, Conforms To ANSI Stan for Type "B" and "G" Lifters Living With Wildlife Foundation Approved! See this product for less?	259.00 225.00	249.00 219.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	STL264 Buy Now	64 Gallon BEARICUDA Stealth Bin™ Dim: 42 1/4" Height X 25" Width X 31 1/2" Depth / Weight 48 lbs - Comes with Built-in Wheels, no assembly required - Holds 19.1 Cubic Feet - Load Rating: 224 lbs/101.6 kg 10" Wheel Diameter, Conforms To ANSI Standards for Type "B" and "G" Lifters, Living With Wildlife Foundation Approved! See this product for less?	239.00 215.00	229.00 209.00

Basic BEARicuda Bin™ Bear Resistant Garbage Container And Critter Can				
Qty	Item	Description	1-5	6+
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAK130 Buy Now	30 Gallon Basic BEARicuda Bin™ With Screw Top Lid Outer Dimensions: (21 1/8" Top) X (16 5/8" Bottom) X (28 1/2" H) Optional Hardware not included, for convenience only (HRD101) Color: Brown See this product for less?	89.00 75.00	79.00 69.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAK120 Buy Now	20 Gallon Basic BEARicuda Bin™ With Screw Top Lid Outer Dimensions: (20 3/8" Top) X (16 3/4" Bottom) X (20 1/2" Height) Hardware Not Necessary, Optional - See Below Color is Beige, not IGBC certified See this product for less?	65.00 59.00	59.00 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	HRD101 Buy Now	Bear-Resistant BEARicuda-Bin™ Hardware Only 3 Handles • 12 3/4" L Machine Screws • 12 Lock Nuts • 12 Washers Fits PAK130 and PAK120 - optional hardware See this product for less?	14.95	12.95
<input type="checkbox"/>	LID101 Buy Now	LID ONLY FOR BEARICUDA BASIC PAK130 Bearicuda Basic Lid Only for PAK130 Lid Comes with PAK130 Already No need to purchase if buying PAK130, Order only if you need a new lid See this product for less?	29.00	27.00



Bearproof Garbage Cans

"STEALTH" Bearproof Trash Can



- Sleek, discrete design, offered in 96 and 64 gallon sizes
- Lid automatically locks shut
- Concealed bear proof protection
- Strongest Can on the market
- Rotationally Molded Plastic Not Injection Molded!



"CLASSIC" Bear Resistant Trash Can



- 32 gallon bear resistant trash cans
- Rugged Clip System Design
- Good strength & stability
- Wheels for easy mobility
- Ergonomic handles / Reinforced Steel Lid

"BASIC" BEARicuda Bear Resistant Can



- 30 gallon Bear resistant can
- Heavy Duty, meltblown HDPE
- Impact Resistant, UV protected
- Air tight screwtop lid
- Optional sturdy metal handles

"TITAN" Metal Wheeled Garbage Can



- 95 & 64 Gal Bear resistant trash can
- Bear proof lock
- Wheeled, easy to maneuver
- Durable metal trash can
- Oversized Rubber Tires

"FORTRESS" Bearproof Garbage Can



- 95/50 gallon Bearproof trash can
- Nearly indestructible
- 100% UV protection
- Air tight screwtop lid
- Molded handles, Wheeled

Bearproof Trash Can



- 96 gallon bearproof trash can
- Easy one push opening
- Interlocking lid design
- Fully automatic
- Rotationally molded

4. Continue Outreach and wait until 2018 contract to secure bear-proof containers for all residents in Town. Reach out to properties with short-term rental licenses to insure renters are aware of issued heavy and secure trash until day of pickup.

Considerations: limited cost to the Town for outreach; outreach to community on 2018 cost increase for trash/recycling because of bear-proof container requirement.

5. Commercial Properties and Commercial Trash. Has not been addressed.



Considerations: Bears and other wildlife do not discriminate on trash types. The Town currently does not manage waste for commercial properties.

6. Enforcement/ Code Changes. The Town doesn't have strong regulations at this time to enforce overturned cans. The regulations require tight fitting lids and "Animal resistant cans and containers are preferred".

Considerations: Revise regulations to require something else with regard to animal resistant/animal proof containers and/or include a fine or penalty for overturned trash. Additional manpower required to walk alleys and issue citations and /or notices for overturned trash or trash cans without a secured lid. Requires an ordinance and public hearings.