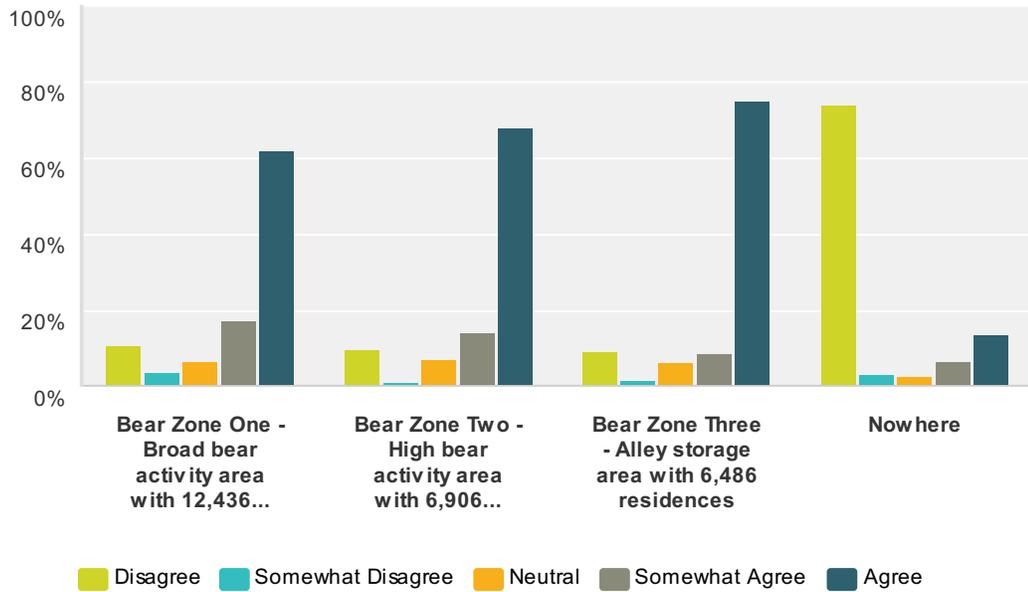


Bears & Trash Survey

Q1 Where in Boulder should trash and compost be secured to protect bears? Rank the options below.

Answered: 290 Skipped: 12



	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Total
Bear Zone One - Broad bear activity area with 12,436 residences	10.95% 31	3.53% 10	6.71% 19	17.31% 49	61.48% 174	283
Bear Zone Two - High bear activity area with 6,906 residences	9.59% 26	1.11% 3	7.38% 20	14.02% 38	67.90% 184	271
Bear Zone Three - Alley storage area with 6,486 residences	9.36% 25	1.50% 4	5.99% 16	8.61% 23	74.53% 199	267
Nowhere	73.51% 111	3.31% 5	2.65% 4	6.62% 10	13.91% 21	151

#	Other location options	Date
1	Bear proof containers should be required of entire city, not just focused area. Bears don't observe your boundaries.	12/23/2013 3:56 PM
2	I have an idea. How about getting sponsors to support this program. Maybe we can put their names on bins? So folks feel like they are truly helping and getting recognition. Brad Feld puts his name on bathrooms. I live on the hill and have wonderful bears visit sad but true. They are most often so sick from all the garbage and heave all night. We must help the bears! Thank you team!	12/12/2013 5:09 PM
3	Since zones two and three are similar, it makes much more sense to just specify zone two--seems like level of bear activity should be the major criterion rather than manner of pick-up.	12/11/2013 5:45 PM
4	Entire city limits - this is a city problem - and bear have certainly shown up in other areas.	12/11/2013 8:56 AM
5	citywide	12/10/2013 2:21 PM
6	A plan that allows the zones to be changed based on activity every few years seems like a good idea.	12/10/2013 11:20 AM

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7	Trash & Kitchen smells attract bears to Boulder. Current Trash is a "godsend" keeping bears out of our Kitchens. Take away the trash & they'll be in our Kitchens. Old time towns had a City Dump to attract Bears and also act as a cheap Zoo. Polar bears in Alaska regularly "peel-open" house trailers to get at Kitchens and occasionally human and/or pet occupants. Build a Boulder Dump/Zoo for Safe Bear viewing and feeding.	12/10/2013 9:38 AM
8	http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
9	I feel that all bear activity areas should require secure trash containers.	12/9/2013 12:06 PM
10	Bear Proof option may not be the answer at this point. There is a great interim measure that will provide some protection but not entirely bear proof. May be the most cost effective interim measure. It is a new product called LidLock by Nature-Proof. www.nature-proof.com ---This would be bear resistant.	12/9/2013 11:15 AM
11	Make all trash cans bear proof	12/7/2013 6:56 PM
12	In the mountain parks and public gathering areas like Flagstaff Mountain, etc. Trash containers are NOT PROVEN to solve the bear activity in the City.	12/4/2013 7:29 AM
13	Your map does NOT clearly label the zones on which you are asking for input. I disagree that ALL residents must be FORCED to pay for bear resistant containers or enclosures when those residents do not have a problem. This is a lazy 'simple' one size fits all solution by unimaginative bureaucrats.	12/2/2013 8:55 PM
14	The entire city	12/2/2013 8:15 AM
15	Foothills. Everything west of Broadway, and north of Wonderland lake.	12/1/2013 8:35 AM
16	Questions is odd (above) since the zones are overlapping.	11/29/2013 4:51 PM
17	I suspect that if we secure compost and trash in western areas, bears in search of food will move east so we may want to expand the zone even more.	11/27/2013 9:32 PM
18	Include the neighborhood north of Wonderland Lake. We live on Locust Pl. Our dumb neighbors leave their garbage cans outside all the time. Bears break into them on a weekly basis in the fall.	11/27/2013 11:26 AM
19	city parks	11/27/2013 8:28 AM
20	Trash is fine as it is.	11/26/2013 7:21 PM
21	everyone should be held responsible for securing their trash from wildlife	11/26/2013 9:07 AM
22	We live and work in zone one. There is a LOT of bear activity that could be curbed with protective trash and compost bins.	11/25/2013 3:37 PM
23	In addition to providing secured compost and trash receptacles, the city should also pick-up the compost weekly instead of bi-weekly. People should be encouraged not to leave it out overnight and to put it out the morning of. Also, people should be penalized for leaving out trash that is not secured. Bears should not have to die because people want to be careless with their trash!!!	11/25/2013 9:44 AM
24	I believe this should be mandatory for any and all rental properties and all businesses in Bear Zone One.	11/24/2013 8:53 PM
25	To avoid bears from moving from one zone to another another zone, zone 1 to 3 I think it would be best to have the new process of keeping trash secured effective in all areas.	11/24/2013 4:19 PM
26	Anywhere the College students store their trash outside prior to pick up day.	11/24/2013 2:54 PM
27	I agree with an enclosure for compost, recycle and waste carts rather than a locking lid. Not only would an enclosure act as wildlife resistance barrier (dogs too) but it would keep wind from blowing over carts and improve the look of our neighborhoods.	11/24/2013 1:39 PM
28	there are locations where the trash could be picked up on the street instead of alleys- otherwise owners should be fined if garbage is left out in alley.	11/24/2013 1:13 PM
29	Mountain communities	11/24/2013 11:53 AM

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30	You need to address the problem in the foothills first, since the bears don't live in the city (e.g., Table Mesa, Sunshine Canyon, Pine Brook Hills). You'll have to work with the county on this. 1st step would be to offer bear proof cans for sale to foothills residents at a reasonable price (e.g., at the cost when purchasing in bulk). This would cost the city nothing, but would likely have a significant impact. I looked into purchasing one, but it would have been \$350+ with shipping. I called your office, I called Western Disposal, called the hardware stores, and there was no way to get one locally without paying a huge shipping fee. Again, if you want to address the problem, you will have to coordinate efforts with the county. I'm really tired of hearing that you don't know what to do, year after year.	11/23/2013 4:35 PM
31	Require business trash containers that may contain food to be kept secured between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. 7 days a week, year-round.	11/23/2013 4:35 PM
32	Boulder County.	11/23/2013 1:48 PM
33	I live in zone one. One Thursday evening at 5:30 PM, trash is picked up in our neighborhood on Friday morning to see how many people had their trash out "the night before.". 99% of the houses had their trash out that early the night before. This is ridiculous. People can get up early and put out their trash in the morning.	11/23/2013 12:39 PM
34	Make it easy but optional for those of us outside the 3 zones to participate. While we've only had one or two occurrences over the years we're still concerned and would be willing to participate, even if it costs us extra.	11/23/2013 11:00 AM
35	Our bear-resistant containers were knocked over only once this season, but not opened. Bears are also attracted to the neighborhoods for fallen-fruit, etc.	11/23/2013 10:38 AM
36	EVERYWHERE!!	11/23/2013 9:21 AM
37	Everywhere. We should not be throwing away, in the sense of garbage, what bears want to eat, attracts them.	11/23/2013 9:02 AM
38	Every alley in town. Trash cans should ALL be indoors or bear-proofed.	11/23/2013 7:42 AM
39	Bear proof trash bins should be more affordable and accessible to all Boulder residents even if outside the Bear Zones identified. Western Disposal has made it extremely difficult to purchase these containers. There needs to be much better advertising and encouragement for residents to take advantage of them. WD should be placing big ads in the newspaper, prominently advertising in their newsletters, even adding stickers on trash cans. One neighbor was told they were on back order for a month to get a container (after being put on hold and having to work through two different sales agents at the company). The City should put pressure on WD to take make bins more accessible/affordable and educate Boulder residents.	11/23/2013 6:24 AM
40	Any regulations designed to secure trash and compost should be applied uniformly to all areas within the city's jurisdiction.	11/23/2013 3:48 AM
41	Everywhere. I live outside of these 3 zones, and your map is greatly incomplete. There have been many more sights than reported on the map.	11/22/2013 8:27 PM
42	Please phase this in starting in the Spring. Many many other types of animals live and exist by feeding on trash. This includes Raccoons. It is not their fault. Please phase in during warm months so that there will not be a cruel dramatic die off of these many other animals.	11/22/2013 7:09 PM
43	I think it should be all of BOulder. IE Martin Acres had many bear sightings this fall. NOt only will secured trash help with bears but it will help with high winds which effects all of Boulder	11/22/2013 6:53 PM
44	The historical bear activity has been with few bear resistant containers in use. If bear resistant containers are put in place in the smaller zones the bears will move into the othe zones therefor all zones (and potentially larger zones) should require bear resistant containers.	11/22/2013 5:23 PM
45	The fact that everyone who's hyperventilating about the bear problem continues to ignore is that this year was a huge anomaly. We had a record deep freeze in early May resulting in no tree fruit in and around the city. The bears were very aggressive this year because they didn't have food from their natural source. New rules and regulations based on an exceptional year make no sense whatsoever. That would be equivalent to permanently reducing the speed limit to 25 on Hwy 36 after there were a ton of crashes caused by a snowstorm. Let's put on our thinking caps and stop the nanny state intrusion. Can we please?	11/22/2013 5:18 PM
46	I'm fine securing trash, but could really use a bear resistant option so it does not need to be stored inside. And then I think... what about the fruit trees in the yard. Also, not being able to put cans out the night before is difficult.	11/22/2013 4:58 PM

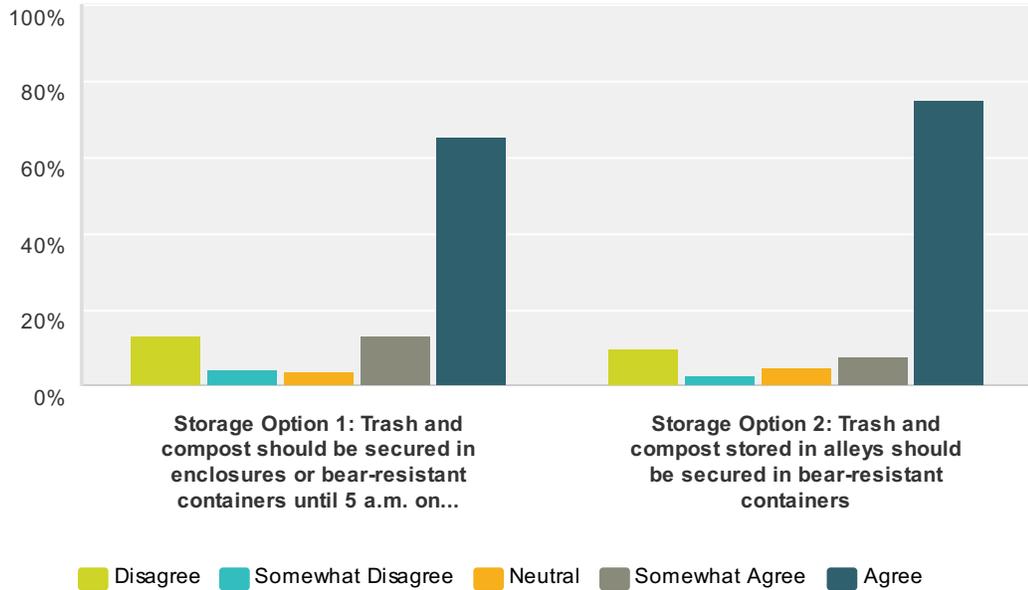
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47	There have been bears north of Wonderland and west of Broadway.	11/22/2013 3:36 PM
48	West of Broadway with no indoor/secured garage storage for trash, or for any home in this area where the homeowner chooses to leave trash containers outside.	11/22/2013 3:05 PM
49	Concerned about add cost for waste collection if required to go to bear-proof cans.	11/22/2013 3:02 PM
50	Hlghly focused on where bears are very active.	11/22/2013 2:37 PM
51	Restaurants and other large facility dumpsters	11/22/2013 2:34 PM
52	I live west of Boadway on and doubt that we need to secure the trash, mabe further west but I haven't seen any problems that close to Broadway. Please take care to not overburden poeple to deal with a problem somewhere else.	11/22/2013 1:43 PM
53	As a former mountain resident, the most reliable source is to have bear proof garbage/trash cans at every residence left indoors until trash day and used year round. Simple yet effective solution. Have residents responsible for their waste!	11/22/2013 1:19 PM
54	Just do it everywhere	11/22/2013 1:08 PM

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Q2 How should trash and compost be secured to protect bears?

Answered: 297 Skipped: 5



	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Total
Storage Option 1: Trash and compost should be secured in enclosures or bear-resistant containers until 5 a.m. on collection day	13.45% 39	4.14% 12	3.79% 11	13.45% 39	65.17% 189	290
Storage Option 2: Trash and compost stored in alleys should be secured in bear-resistant containers	9.93% 28	2.84% 8	4.61% 13	7.80% 22	74.82% 211	282

#	Other storage options	Date
1	Bear proof containers should only be required if entire city is required to have them. Just like streets and plowing, all should bear the cost. Enforcement of current codes should be first option.	12/23/2013 3:56 PM
2	alley storage is acceptable if garages or other enclosures are used. not necessary to have bear resistant trash containers	12/18/2013 10:38 AM
3	If Option 2 - important to have the "true" bear resistant containers, and not allow folks to do things like bungee cords. That was a huge problem in our alley - ineffective efforts in the alley for bear resistance. Both compost and trash must be in city approved locking containers. However, smell will still attract the bears.	12/11/2013 8:56 AM
4	Back Alley Metals - Red Lodge, MT ck out their solution! backallemetals.com. Old friends, created a great business dealing with bear/trash (can) issues.	12/10/2013 9:30 PM
5	Communal trash facilities should be installed in as many places as space allows.	12/10/2013 8:41 PM

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6	<p>My trash is picked up at 7AM and I am never awake between 5 and 7 AM (night worker). I simply can not abide the 5AM restriction. I am also in Table Mesa, South Boulder Rec Center - to Lehigh area, and I do not know of any bear problems in the thirty years I have lived here. Bear sitings, yes. Bear problems, no. You need a map that shows where bears are a problem, not just where they are sited or "active." They do live here, ... you know?! In 30 years on Emerson Ave I have never had an animal invade my trash can, not dogs, raccoons, or bears. And to be quite frank, the last thing I would do is call the city to report a bear. It is the city rangers that are bad for bears' health. I would relish the encounter and consider myself very lucky. What is the problem we are actually avoiding here. How many people have actually been injured by bears in the city of Boulder ever? They eat some trash, yes, but have they ever molested people? These aren't grizzlies. People just need to be aware that they share space with wild animals - and may one day be lucky enough to see them. If I ever did have a trash problem, I would fix it without city enforcement (as I did when living in Illinois when I had to secure trash from raccoons. I 've not had that problem here.) I use a 32 gal trash/compost container, so bear your estimate of cost increase is way off. I would pay \$13.75 per month extra - and for what? And if you insist on the 5AM unlatching, I would pay another \$2 per week. And, as I said, for what? I have never known of a bear problem in my neighborhood. When a bear is killed, do you notify everyone in the neighborhood? Perhaps you should start by making sure people are really aware (door to door fliers, mailings?) when there is a bear problem in their neighborhood caused by human negligence. I am aware of none in the thirty years I have been in my neighborhood.</p>	12/10/2013 7:34 PM
7	Able to be stored outside the pre-5am in a bear-resistant container	12/10/2013 4:30 PM
8	, http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
9	There is a local company patenting an "add on" product to make existing containers bear resistant. Check out www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:13 PM
10	The City might consider looking into an option called Lidlock by Nature-proof	12/9/2013 12:06 PM
11	LidLock by Nature-Proof, a brand new Boulder company has just been tested in Boulder. It is an extremely cost effective locking mechanism that will secure trash, will not open when pushed over but opens automatically when picked up by garbage collectors and automatic garbage trucks.	12/9/2013 11:15 AM
12	A Boulder company, Nature-Proof,LLC (www.nature-proof.com) is in the process of developing and testing a bear-proof latching system for outdoor waste bins that is both easy for humans to use and automatically releases on collection day so the trucks can pickup and dump the containers without the driver getting out to release the latch.	12/9/2013 10:54 AM
13	Design a bear resistant trash can that can still be emptied without the driver exiting the truck and provide it to the entire city.	12/7/2013 6:56 PM
14	Option 2- is poorly worded. But I believe the intent is to require waste companies to make available containers for bear resistance. However, I do not agree that the exemption of alley container storage should be removed.	12/6/2013 12:00 PM
15	I find it hard to understand why communal containers, especially for compost and food waste, cannot be used in the areas with alleyway pickup.	12/4/2013 9:29 PM
16	approved bear proof containers should be available for a ONE-TIME fee. NOT a monthly charge.	12/4/2013 9:19 PM
17	Both options require that residents purchase trash containers that are bear resistant. This is unreasonable. This option should be optional for residents NOT MANDATORY.	12/4/2013 7:29 AM
18	The current trash situation is working fine other than a few hysterical bear people who expect us all to pay absurd amounts of money for "bear-proof" trash containers. If the containers are provided for free, and there is no additional charge from Western disposal for using them, fine, but trash service is costly enough as is.	12/3/2013 1:28 PM
19	Only make past violators secure their trash and compost. They have a problem. I don't. Don't let their laziness punish me!!!	12/2/2013 8:55 PM
20	Or out of the alley as a whole, your bear cans will only do so much	12/2/2013 8:15 AM
21	This question is very poorly worded and is confusing. Trash and compost should be in bear resistant containers.	12/1/2013 8:12 PM

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22	I would agree with bear proof container storage if they could be purchased at a reasonable ONE TIME price not a recurring 10\$/month charge which far exceeds the cost to Western Disposal when taken in aggregate terms. I do not have a safe/secure place to store garbage in my yard nor do I have a shed/garage. My neighbor has had his fence broken down twice by bears while storing garbage in his back yard rather than the alley, so I don't think preventing alley storage is a solution.	11/30/2013 9:06 PM
23	All if Boulder should share rules as bears will wander to where there is food - we will see more downtown and further east. Must be city wide rule.	11/30/2013 8:21 AM
24	Freeze the trash until the morning of collection.	11/30/2013 3:46 AM
25	No idea. What has worked in other cities? I heard that bears can get into bear resistant containers. Not sure why residents, with no expertise in this, are asked to make these decisions (without knowing the facts, pros and cons).	11/29/2013 4:51 PM
26	If trash is OUTSIDE at ANY time other than pick up day after 5:00 AM and before say 6:00 PM, then it MUST be in a bear-resistant container.	11/28/2013 3:53 PM
27	Any bear-resistant containers should be available at a one-time cost, not a monthly rental. Yes, it is more work to open a bear-resistant container, but that is part of living with bears. Any cost that the trash hauling companies want to add to account for the added work of opening the containers should be spread among all the customers in the city of Boulder and in the western unincorporated areas.	11/27/2013 9:32 PM
28	Put trash cans in garages. This is easy and no one has to spend money on bear-resistant containers.	11/27/2013 11:26 AM
29	Give residents the option of taking stinky trash to "bear safe" containers in city parks	11/27/2013 8:28 AM
30	People don't have room for storage in houses/other structures. Our compost is collected no later than 7:00 a.m. It is not possible to put it out that early--we need to put it out the night before. Or you can require that no garbage/compost can be collected prior to 8:30 a.m.	11/26/2013 7:21 PM
31	Decrease the period of time that trash and compost may be stored outside, regardless of type of container.	11/26/2013 1:26 PM
32	I started out to agree that trash and compost should be secured until I realized that far and away the bulk of our compost is non edibles from cleaning up the garden. We put all food waste out the morning of collection. No reason to secure cans the entire week if they hold landscape contents but no food waste. the entire week!	11/26/2013 12:57 PM
33	I think it is problematic to require storing trash inside of a building. The use of bear resistant containers left outside is a better option.	11/25/2013 8:06 PM
34	Require and enforce that trash/compost that attracts bears not be placed in containers until day of collection.	11/25/2013 7:10 PM
35	Different options for different zones	11/25/2013 5:21 PM
36	Storage option 1 is preferred, but 2 is alright as well.	11/25/2013 1:24 PM
37	Adding ammonia solution to compost especially seems to offer some deterrent	11/24/2013 11:12 PM
38	If the City invested in purchasing containers in quantity, the price would come down considerably. Shipping is prohibitively expensive for homeowners or neighborhood organizations for small quantities of bear-proof containers. Perhaps the City could be in partnership with local hardware stores and/or trash haulers, and recover the initial investment in hundreds of cans as the stores and haulers sold them.	11/24/2013 8:21 PM
39	In some communities; example Eldorado Springs; perhaps during bear season residents could store compost and trash away from the residential areas. Giving people an option to move their compost and trash to an off side location containing bear proof containers. Treatments and deterrents to move bears away from the remote collection area could be applied without involving residential streets and neighborhoods.	11/24/2013 4:19 PM
40	I feel that all households, no matter if your trash is collected in the alley or curbside, should be required to have a bear resistant container. All houses west of Broadway, no exceptions.	11/24/2013 2:28 PM
41	Enclosure is a better route.	11/24/2013 1:39 PM
42	If possible garbage should not be stored or picked up at all in alleys.	11/24/2013 1:13 PM

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43	Large multi-household secured containers - in the alleys would be more economical and more effective in preventing bear problems and assuring compliance.	11/24/2013 10:25 AM
44	I'm not sure I understand what the difference between option 1 and option 2 is.	11/24/2013 7:45 AM
45	Our compost is picked up at 7:00 a.m.(not even 7:05), and some people get theirs picked up prior to ours! Everyone who remembers puts out garbage the night before, as it is too hard to get it out the morning before 7:00. If you require garbage to be stashed until the morning of pickup, you need to require that garbage collection cannot occur before 8:00 a.m.	11/24/2013 7:05 AM
46	It would really be nice to know what the cost is for bear resistant containers. Apparently this is a secret, as Western Disposal's site also will not share this information. If it did, perhaps more people would use it. I suspect I would.	11/24/2013 5:29 AM
47	Storage Option 1: "Enclosures" should be expanded to include storage on private property that is secured from the public right-of-ways by fencing. Trash that is scattered by bears or raccoons on private property is more likely to be cleaned up by the property owner than when it is scattered in public right-of-ways like alleys. Also, compost containers, whether provided by Western or compost containers that are privately owned should be confined to storage on private property as an alternative to having to have a bear-resistant container for compost.	11/23/2013 4:35 PM
48	It is unclear to me if bear proof containers can be purchased or only rented. Offenders should be required to purchase their containers.	11/23/2013 11:22 AM
49	Is there a history of bears getting into trash during trash pickup day? If so then for the higher risk areas bear-proof containers should be required. The cost of this should be shared by all Boulder residents, not just put on the burden of those living in the high risk areas.	11/23/2013 11:00 AM
50	Who writes these things? What is the difference between option 1 and 2? I have little confidence in how this survey will be used because I think it was poorly written and that will reflect also on how it is evaluated. I guess I don't care about what happens after 5am on collection day because it doesn't matter.	11/23/2013 10:41 AM
51	The garbage cans from the student apartments along our alley are a mess - bears turn the garbage cans over every night in the summer and fall. What is truly maddening is that the owners live in the building and there is a garage on the alley where the garbage cans could be kept. After the killing of the bears, I am convinced that we must do more.	11/23/2013 10:34 AM
52	I live on the hill in one of the areas most affected by bears this year. I don't believe we should require everyone to purchase bear containers at the current prices from western which are exorbitant. Therefore you need more lower cost alternatives if you want compliance. That means the rule needs to be a list of options for people including bear containers, keep trash inside until morning or other low cost options for those that can't keep trash inside all week. It's that third option that needs a closer look. If I'm forced to pay an additional \$300 per year in perpetuity to western, that's not a viable solution. Also, this is one issue that has nothing to do with student population, I don't understand why that is called out in the enforcement options	11/23/2013 10:25 AM
53	Residents in the mountains have been storing their trash indoors until the morning of pickup for years! There is no reason why residents in the city cannot do this also. Big fines should be given to those who do not comply and landlords should be held responsible for the actions of their renters!	11/23/2013 10:20 AM
54	leave it the way it is.	11/23/2013 9:40 AM
55	Trash and compost should be stored in ENCLOSURES (building, house, garage, shed) until 5 AM on collection day. (Probably the option that most people will disagree with but, the option that really needs to happen.)	11/23/2013 9:32 AM
56	All of Boulder—same rules for everyone. If you want to put your trash or recycling out before the morning of pick up, you MUST secure it in a bear proof container. If you don't want to pay for a bear proof container, you need to get yourself out of bed on your trash collection day to take the trash out. Those big trash containers servicing several residences will need to be bear proofed and the cost borne by the residents using them. It can be added to the rent in those "higher resident turnover" areas.	11/23/2013 9:21 AM
57	People should not put food waste, un-rinsed food containers in trash containers. Use garbage disposal for meat, grain left overs. Sort out bones for a bag to be thrown out. Get rid of the large plastic sacks w/ indiscriminate trash. Do not put meat and grain in compost, whether yard compost or compost for pickup and recycle.	11/23/2013 9:02 AM

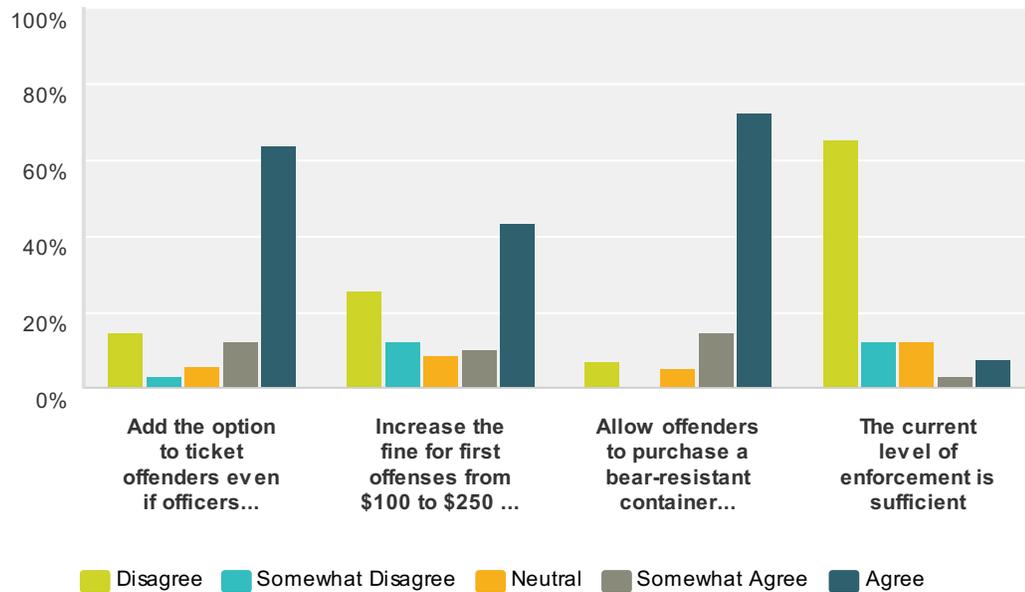
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58	For alley pickup, you should require bear proof trash. You can't expect people to be responsible enough to store in garage etc. just make it required with western disposal! Perhaps negotiate the fees down with western.	11/23/2013 8:43 AM
59	Have a place to bring edible trash before collection day	11/23/2013 7:06 AM
60	Require the use of bear-resistant containers. However, restricting when trash and compost can be set out for collection is simply not feasible. Many, many people follow a schedule for which placing trash out after 5 a.m. and before 7 a.m. is not practical. Furthermore, most people prefer to NOT have trash and compost stored within their residence or garage. Require animal-resistant containers uniformly throughout the entire municipal area without scheduling restrictions, and evaluate whether that measure has had a positive impact before considering adding enclosure and/or timing restrictions.	11/23/2013 3:48 AM
61	change the rule exempting alleys	11/22/2013 8:11 PM
62	Keep in garages or storage sheds until 5:00 am on trash pick up days.	11/22/2013 7:10 PM
63	Please phase this in starting in the Spring. Many many other types of animals live and exist by feeding on trash. This includes Raccoons. It is not their fault. Please phase in during warm months so that there will not be a cruel dramatic die off of these many other animals.	11/22/2013 7:09 PM
64	Perhaps evening before rather than 5AM. Also perhaps seasonal.	11/22/2013 6:09 PM
65	People will most likely not properly close the bear resistant containers which will lead to "grey" enforcement action so Option 1 is much more strait forward and effective (at protecting bears) option.	11/22/2013 5:23 PM
66	Can I purchase bear resistant cans?	11/22/2013 4:58 PM
67	Within Fenced Area / Within Garage structure should be a fine way to keep containers secured. Residents should not be required to pay \$20/ month rental fee from Western, for Bear resistant containers if they have other available options. In downtown Boulder we don't have bear activity.	11/22/2013 4:56 PM
68	I do not think compost, meaning yard waste, needs to be secured inside or in bear proof containers because we have a lot of bears, but they never get into the yard waste.	11/22/2013 4:48 PM
69	Adequately secured alternative latch system an option until first violation.	11/22/2013 4:35 PM
70	Can we distinguish between food compost containers and yard waste compost containers? Because I'm not seeing yard waste compost as any kind of problem. We bring our food waste (compostable bags) outside just when we put out our bins in the morning on the day of pickup.	11/22/2013 3:05 PM
71	Enforce the code that is on the books now. The owner can choose how to secure from 'animals, wind, or other elements; and containers must remain closed and not overflow.' But is there is a violation, as there are so many right now, enforce it.	11/22/2013 2:37 PM
72	Western Disposal dumpsters - need to have the lids closed by Western Disposal staff. Once the Western Disposal trucks have emptied a dumpster they ALWAYS leave the top open - this is one of the biggest problems if the dumpster is next to a cement enclosure - employees are then stuck with moving the dumpster to get the top down- REsults: tops on dumpster are almost always left open	11/22/2013 2:34 PM
73	I think you should confirm that compost in this regard means food-based compost. I also think that food should be rinsed from recyclables.	11/22/2013 2:34 PM
74	keep the trash inside your house and then drive it to the waste collection site ! I live in unincorporated boulder county and that is what we all do. Suck it up and do it. Or, if that is too much for you to handle, keep it inside until collection day, - no trash outside until then. Those of us in my neighborhood wouldn't even consider storing it outside !	11/22/2013 2:17 PM
75	Nearly all compost is not food related. Of the food related compost, it should be all vegetable matter. It looks like there is an answer in search of a problem with respect to compost containers.	11/22/2013 1:44 PM
76	if you have a bear or other wildlife encounter, then you need to prove you keep your trash and compost inside until 5AM even if you're in an alley pickup area. Alley pickup in non-high impact areas should be unaffected by more stringent regulations.	11/22/2013 1:28 PM
77	As a former mountain resident, the most reliable source is to have bear proof garbage/trash cans at every residence and used year round. These receptacles should be stored indoors until the morning of trash pick up. Simple yet effective solution. Have residents and student housing landlords responsible for their waste!	11/22/2013 1:19 PM

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Q3 How should enforcement of trash and compost regulations be enhanced? Rank the options below.

Answered: 297 Skipped: 5



	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Total
Add the option to ticket offenders even if officers cannot make direct contact	14.78% 43	3.09% 9	5.84% 17	12.37% 36	63.92% 186	291
Increase the fine for first offenses from \$100 to \$250 (as in Aspen, Colorado)	25.86% 75	12.07% 35	8.97% 26	10% 29	43.10% 125	290
Allow offenders to purchase a bear-resistant container instead of paying a fine (as in Durango, Colorado)	7.19% 21	0.68% 2	5.14% 15	14.73% 43	72.26% 211	292
The current level of enforcement is sufficient	65.04% 173	12.03% 32	12.03% 32	3.01% 8	7.89% 21	266

#	Other enforcement options	Date
1	Like all other city codes, enforcement is insufficient. If there is a code on the books, it should be enforced, not ignored. Simply adding more will do no good. First option should help address this problem, but strong enforcement is needed, not education.	12/23/2013 3:56 PM
2	I am against paying extra for bear-proof trash cans because some of the people in my neighbourhood are lazy or don't care about the law. Many people in the neighbourhood take their trash cans out the night before. Some leave them out all week - and we all have garages in my neighbourhood. These people do not need education. People in Boulder are well-educated. We need enforcement. I called to ask that a code enforcement officer take action in our neighbourhood, but was told that none of them work on Sunday (we have Monday pick-up). Very poor excuse. The traffic speeding van was out last Sunday on Broadway. If we can enforce speed limits on Sunday, we can enforce other laws on Sunday. Very simple solution: Increase the fines until they can pay for enforcement - including Sunday. It is an extremely poor excuse to say the city cannot enforce the law, so then they want everyone to pay for the deeds of a few. If the people who live in alleyways need bear-proof trash cans that's fine. But I have a garage, I obey the law, and I object to being required to make unnecessary expenditures because of someone else.	12/22/2013 7:40 PM

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3	Have code enforcement personnel check on SUNDAY nights prior to Monday pickup; we have called code enforcement about repeat offenders in our area but were told that code enforcement does not work on weekends. Otherwise ask Western Disposal to change trash days for anyone living in zones 1, 2 & 3 to only be Tuesday thru Friday. From my experience, people change behavior when it costs them - start the fines at \$250 and ramp it up by at least \$100 for each offense after that. Bears don't deserve to be killed because of these people, and it's not fair for the rest of us to be forced to pay more for bear-proof containers when we follow the law and protect the bears. Punish the problem people, not everyone!	12/21/2013 5:25 PM
4	Enforcement is key. Our alley (800 block between 12th and 13th) - was ignored for at least the last few years. Finally a major offender was contacted - but too late - Mama bear and 2 cubs already euthanized. Increase enforcement - maybe use parking ticket folks to do this too.	12/11/2013 8:56 AM
5	Make sure people are really aware (door to door fliers, mailings?) when there is a bear *problem* in their neighborhood caused by human negligence. I am aware of none in the thirty years I have been in my neighborhood.	12/10/2013 7:34 PM
6	adding more TRAINED code enforcement officers may be helpful, though not as cost effective as making stricter laws. Having a short time peak season TRAINED officer is questionable because who would want to do this job - have to be someone specialized for the time of day and willingness to do an unsavory ticket issuing function - also who would want to train and be responsible for harassing bears and disrupting/changing their behavior. Fines and mandatory compliance	12/10/2013 2:21 PM
7	Have a higher fine for second offense, allowing the first offense to be used as a learning opportunity.	12/10/2013 11:20 AM
8	Shoot offenders in the butt with buckshot for first offense. Tag the in their ears after the second offense. Eliminate them "humanely" after the third offense. Fair is fair.	12/10/2013 10:00 AM
9	I live on a street with an alley. Most neighbors secure their cans in the garage and take them out on trash morning. A few keep their cans on the alleyway. One family does use bearproof cans, but even so they are on the alleyway and get pushed into the traffic zone by animals. Ticketing for alley storage and animal trash dispersment would make the biggest difference, and would not penalize those who are already responsible about trash management even though they do not use bear-proof cans.	12/10/2013 9:08 AM
10	http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
11	Require the purchase of any kind of locking mechanism that deters animals of all kinds from opening garbage cans.	12/9/2013 11:15 AM
12	The city is complicit in this issue and SHOULD NOT be acting like trash Nazis....having lived in this current location, "enhancements" of trash regulations ARE NOT the answer....come on guys!!!	12/9/2013 9:40 AM
13	Make the all the containers bear proof and fine offenders consistently.	12/7/2013 6:56 PM
14	The current level of in forcemeat clearly does not work; stricter enforcement and penalties must be chosen.	12/7/2013 11:53 AM
15	More frequent enforcement, much higher fines	12/7/2013 7:56 AM
16	I would strongly prefer to see a city/countywide tax or re-allocation of Open Space money or other funds to provide residents in the impacted areas, particularly the alley areas, with bear proof trashcans, rather than requiring those residents to not only purchase, but to pay a monthly fee for the bear proof trashcans. Note: I keep my trashcans in a garage, so this does not benefit me. But, it seems fair to those residents who live in areas that interface with bears and store their trashcans in alleys that they not be charged additional fees.	12/6/2013 10:19 PM
17	PLEASE READ - This survey should have a question re: other approaches in addition to enforcement. Western Disposal only provides large size bear-proof cans and charges an extra monthly pickup fee for users of bear-proof containers (not sure about other trash collection services). The city should work with disposal services to ensure that small bear-proof containers are available and should eliminate extra bear-proof can trash pickup fees (we've lived in towns where such cans were required and never had to pay such a fee). This would make a big difference for individuals and small households and would encourage them to get bear-proof containers. Boulder should focus on ways to support this initiative, not just enforcement.	12/4/2013 10:23 AM

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18	Can I ask, what is the "cost" to the City and residents right now for leaving things as they are? I think most likely nothing. We live in a City that is snuggled up to bear habitat. We are the visitors, not them. The DOW comes and shoots them, do they surcharge the City for that? I think it's ridiculous that they shoot them in the first place. They don;t harm people. Never have. Lions are far more dangerous to humans and have killed MANY more beings, humans and animals but we aren't saying a word about killing them. Listen, let the bears be and let the residents be. People have to understand that they are taking a risk living in bear country. That's their risk. Don't DO ANYTHING!! This BBC entity is just a woman on a mission with nothing better to do than to make an issue out of something that is simply a non-issue. Bears are not harming people in alarming numbers. Leave them alone!	12/4/2013 7:29 AM
19	Quit harassing humans, harass the bears instead!	12/3/2013 1:28 PM
20	I disagree that ALL residents must be FORCED to pay for bear resistant containers or enclosures when those residents do not have a problem. This is a lazy 'simple' one size fits all solution by unimaginative bureaucrats. The current level of enforcement is WAY too lax. The City is not doing it's job well. Now they want to just force every one to pay for containers that honest diligent responsible people DO NOT NEED. The lazy wasteful people are causing the problem. MAKE THEM PAY !!!	12/2/2013 8:55 PM
21	Get the code officers team out there, ADD more officers, extend hours and educate, educate, educate! I called and they only have two working officers? FOR THIS BIG OF A CITY, really, that is crazy!	12/2/2013 8:15 AM
22	Escalating fines: \$250 first offense, \$500 second offense, \$1000 third offense	12/1/2013 8:35 AM
23	see comments above about prohibitive monthly fees for bear resistant containers from Western Disposal.	11/30/2013 9:06 PM
24	Mountain people dump trash as do transients into College rentals. Students often don't regulate well what is happening because of inexperience. Provide educational materials in zone 1-3 - door hangers in fall. Make policies landlords can easily enforce - ie: you must purchase a bear proof container.	11/30/2013 8:21 AM
25	If bear resistant containers are not 100% shown to work, what difference does the fine make?	11/29/2013 4:51 PM
26	I feel the city should share the expense of bear-proof containers with residents. Also, I have secured my compost container with a bungee cord. While this may not be 100% bear-proof, it is very secure and has kept other critters out (raccoons, etc.), serves as a deterrent to bears -- keeps them moving on and is considerably cheaper than a bear-proof can. I'm not sure an expensive container plus an additional monthly fee should be the sole burden of the resident if there are less expensive ways to make this happen (like, secure garbage but not dictate how). However, I agree that containers should be secured.	11/29/2013 2:55 PM
27	Simple: Trash removal companies serving Bear Zone Two MUST provide bear proof containers to all residents in the zone. Then there will be near zero enforcement required. Two options for funding: 1) people in zone pay extra (but less than now due to economies of scale); or 2) overall city rates increase slightly to cover cost of those in Bear Zone Two.	11/28/2013 3:53 PM
28	Respond to calls! I called the city and emailed about trash violations in our neighborhood and never heard back from anyone.	11/27/2013 11:26 AM
29	I would love to be able to buy a bear proof container. Where can I get one?	11/27/2013 8:28 AM
30	The city or garbage collection services should provide bear-resistant containers. Average folks can't afford them.	11/26/2013 7:21 PM
31	Enforcement problem: discriminating cans left out with no food waste from those with landscape trimmings and other non-food items. We've lived in high bear activity area for 30 years without once attracted a bear to our cans. We suggest ticketing only where cans have been tipped. (We often see tipped cans in our alley between Maxwell and Concord, 4th and 5th.)	11/26/2013 12:57 PM
32	the problem does not appear to be student/rental related. We live in the Mapleton/Newlands area where there are few students/rentals and the bear activity seems at least as much as The Hill area. Education/enforcement should be increased everywhere that there is a lot of bear activity.	11/26/2013 9:07 AM

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33	The burden for solving this problem is something that should be shared equally by all Boulder residents. Wildlife is a public resource like open space and all residents should have to pay to protect wildlife, not just those who live near where bears live. I think that the city should step up and pay for bear resistant trash containers for everyone in the widest possible area to protect bears on behalf of the public. By doing this I believe that we will essentially achieve 100% compliance without having to spend money on educating residents, many of whom are transient or students with other priorities, and we avoid enforcement costs and burdens, all the while protecting the bears in the most effective way.	11/25/2013 8:06 PM
34	Cameras to replace officers in the highest risk areas. Alarms or noise in areas to deter bears. Have people spray compost and/or trash with pepper or some other smell that is offensive to bears. This is going to require money and effort/support from the community. Also creates more jobs to protect the wildlife that Boulder citizens, as well as tourists come here for.	11/25/2013 9:44 AM
35	Give an incentive rather than a punishment to begin with such as a tax credit.	11/24/2013 10:34 PM
36	I think many residents would like the option to have their garbage and compost collected two times per week. Involving residents who are willing to help patrol their areas would also help with the enforcement.	11/24/2013 4:19 PM
37	Give the offender a large fine PLUS have them purchase a container. Do not allow trash people to clean up after trash is strewn by bears but slap a sticker on the container informing them that their trash will no longer be picked up until they get a container. Make the container cheaper than the fine they would receive. Hire more enforcement officers to enforce the laws that are already on the books. Not too hard to figure out!!!	11/24/2013 2:28 PM
38	all rentals should have contact parties- offenders should be fined \$250	11/24/2013 1:13 PM
39	As college students, it is difficult to afford the fines placed on my house (9th and College) and then still afford the bear cans. I think requiring offenders to purchase the bear can service is a much better idea, because it would ensure that people are actually getting the cans. The current policy forces us to pay fines, after which it is difficult to think about paying for the bear cans.	11/24/2013 12:43 PM
40	Move the bears instead of killing them.	11/24/2013 11:34 AM
41	Student housing is a problem - education on campus to create awareness would help. Posters in neighborhoods would help. Fining dwellers and landlords would help.	11/24/2013 10:25 AM
42	I can't see spending resources when we don't see bears and there are virtually no disturbances on our street. There have been none in our immediate neighborhood. Instead of trying to find people to fine, if you must insist on a "bear patrol," why not have it search for BEARS, not garbage cans, and scare them from the area? That makes the most sense. Spend the money to teach the bears to stay away. Otherwise, they will always come to town, and there will always be someone who has a problem with wildlife.	11/24/2013 7:05 AM
43	Require all City-wide residential housing units to have bear-resistant garbage and compost containers and require that they are not put out on any public right-of-way or in any alley until 5:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up	11/23/2013 4:35 PM
44	It is fair to ticket without direct contact provided that the officers know where the trash originated. The current regulations state that the a person is responsible for removing trash even if the trash did not come from that person's trash can. Because officers usually don't get to trash enforcement calls the same day, the trash often gets blown across the alley to another person's property. When that happens, the person who left his trash unsecured does not get a ticket, and instead the property across the alley where the trash ends up is ticketed. Having more officers should help this situation because theoretically they will be able respond in a timely fashion before the trash gets blown all over the alleys and can identify the trash can (address is on the trash cans) where the trash came from.	11/23/2013 1:25 PM
45	The city of Boulder MUST do more education. I live in a residential low student neighborhood with highly educated neighbors and they STILL put their trash out the night before.	11/23/2013 12:39 PM
46	The alley tends to be full of trash when the bears are active or when the wind blows. We pick up the trash near our house but the students up the alley let it collect. We are in our 70's and often clean up for them but it would be nice to find a way to make them more responsible for their own mess. Perhaps a sticker from the PD on their trash cans would be helpful.	11/23/2013 11:22 AM
47	Trash outside without proper animal-resistant containers (if council gets off it's ass and FINALLY requires them) will be prima facie evidence of violation, no need to serve this in person any more than a parking ticket, etc.	11/23/2013 10:41 AM

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48	Fallen fruit attracts bears. All sources of attraction should be looked at.	11/23/2013 10:38 AM
49	Do we have a "see, click, fix" option in the city Internet scheme? I've noticed the QR codes in city parking lots to report broken parking ticket dispensers... We need a way for residents to photograph garbage in alleys (or potholes, or graffiti, or code violations), submit them and get feedback from the staff.	11/23/2013 10:34 AM
50	No fines; instead a bear proof container will be purchased for you and you will be billed for it if you put your trash out the night before. Encourage residents to be volunteer wildlife guardians by reporting violaters. Hot tip: Deer Valley Road.	11/23/2013 9:21 AM
51	The educational component is missing. What kind of effort does it take to a) require food disposal machines where bears live? What effort does it take to scrape waste into this machine? What effort does it take to rinse food containers, most of which belong in the single stream recycling bin? It is not complicated or hard to figure this out. If people can compost outside, good. I don't put meat or grain in my outside kitchen compost. Raccoons and skunks dig in it for worms or squash seeds, but I have no bears breaking into my yard for it.	11/23/2013 9:02 AM
52	We should look for options to make it easier, or incentive communities as a whole	11/23/2013 7:44 AM
53	Everyone is aware of this problem. Things will stay the same until change is mandated. AND ENFORCED.	11/23/2013 7:42 AM
54	Lake Tahoe has a strick enforcement policy from what I hear. If your trash has been disturbed you MUST install a bear proof container. That is it. No tolerance for being sloppy when it involves the life and death of wildlife.	11/23/2013 7:06 AM
55	Perhaps addresses should be placed on trash bins stored in the alley. Neighbors should be held accountable and embarrassed for their trash that is littered throughout the alley. We have repeat offenders in our Mapleton Hill neighborhood who don't seem to care and can't be bothered by regulations. Even an increased fee would probably not impact them. They may be more persuaded to correct the situation if they knew that they were being identified by their trash.	11/23/2013 6:24 AM
56	The enforcement should be everywhere, not just in Zone Two	11/22/2013 8:27 PM
57	change the rule exempting alleys	11/22/2013 8:11 PM
58	Tax dollars should be used to supplement funds to Western Disposal to allow residents in the most bear dense areas to obtain a bear proof container at the same rate as a normal waste container... This is the only way to truly protect the residents and the bears, especially given that a lot of the issue is on the Hill where many residents are renters, and college students at that. There should at the very least be financial assistance available to those that do not have the income to support the purchase of a bear proof container if it is required since they are expensive. If the community truly wants to put an end to the bear problem, it needs to invest in a solution that keeps trash contained properly, not fine people that are out of compliance with an expensive rule... Spend the money on the bear proof cans, not on sending officers out to give tickets and wildlife officials that end up having to be out patrolling and shooting the bears.	11/22/2013 8:09 PM
59	Fine people and businesses that are not securing their garbage and compost. Enforce the laws to protect the bears and discourage them from entering town.	11/22/2013 7:10 PM
60	Please phase this in starting in the Spring. Many many other types of animals live and exist by feeding on trash. This includes Raccoons. It is not their fault. Please phase in during warm months so that there will not be a cruel dramatic die off of these many other animals.	11/22/2013 7:09 PM
61	It does not appear as if there is any current level of enforcement.	11/22/2013 5:23 PM
62	Really, you need to make affordable bear resistant cans an option, and let us know where to get them. If they are affordable, we are happy to purchase them.	11/22/2013 4:58 PM
63	What enforcement?	11/22/2013 4:34 PM
64	I think people should be required to attend community service education courses. They should be required to see/ experience what they do the these animals, how they put people at harm, and what happens when they are killed. I also think their name should be communicated to the public so people know who is responsible - to add an element of social shame (avoidance) for their actions.	11/22/2013 4:30 PM

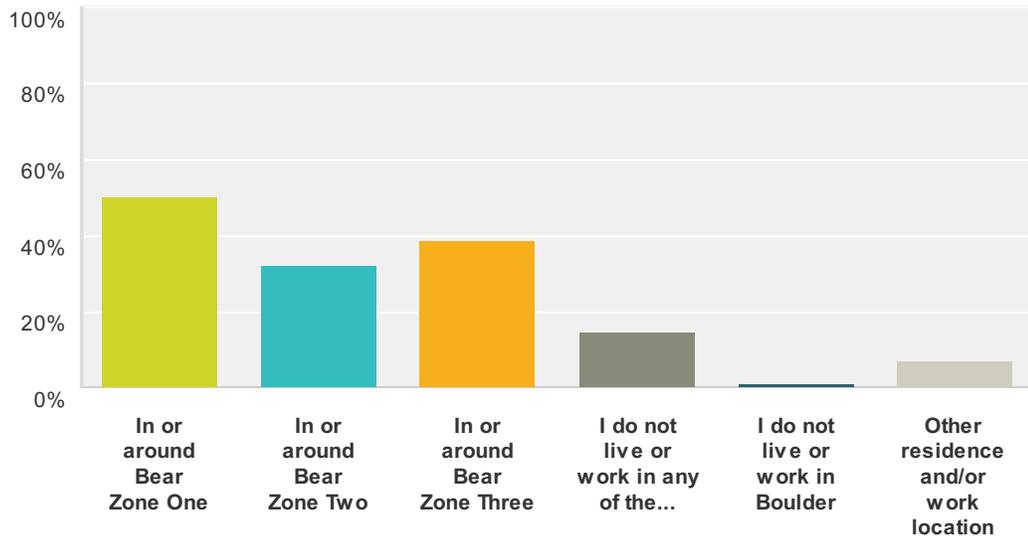
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65	Landlords of single family homes don't have a good way to control this -- I don't see why they should be ticketed at all. Tenants are the ones who control when trash gets put outside. In multi-family homes, the situation is different, and landlords should have a responsibility to provide for bear-resistant dumpsters.	11/22/2013 3:05 PM
66	This sounds great.	11/22/2013 2:37 PM
67	My concern is that if people are allowed the option of purchasing a bear-resistant can, they will wait until they get caught. Whatever it takes -- too many bears are being shot for no good reason. This could be done with the trash companies' involvement. They could supply ONLY bear resistant trash cans to customers in the impacted areas, rather than making it optional to purchase them. Even if cans are enclosed until 5 a.m., sometimes my trash isn't picked until 5 PM! If the trash hauler purchased these in bulk, perhaps the cost passed along to customers would be less, and perhaps the city could subsidize the cost.	11/22/2013 2:34 PM
68	Enforcement is the real issue in Boulder with respect to this issue and lots of others. Lots of code, but very little gets enforced due to the way the code was written, how it is practically enforced, or the lack of code enforcement officers during the times and places that they are needed.	11/22/2013 1:44 PM
69	I think offenders should be able to show they built an enclosure instead of having to pay an ongoing fee for a wildlife resistant container as a defense against the ticket.	11/22/2013 1:28 PM
70	As a former mountain resident, the most reliable source is to have bear proof garbage/trash cans at every residence and used year round. Simple yet effective solution. Have residents responsible for their waste! It should not have to be monitored and waste enforcement personnel time and taxpayer funds. Create a public based bear trash vigilante group to take on this effort. Don't bother with code enforcement, they won't do anything anyway.	11/22/2013 1:19 PM

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Q4 Where do you live and/or work in Boulder? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 300 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
In or around Bear Zone One	50.33% 151
In or around Bear Zone Two	32% 96
In or around Bear Zone Three	38.67% 116
I do not live or work in any of the three bear activity zones in Boulder	14.67% 44
I do not live or work in Boulder	1% 3
Other residence and/or work location	7.00% 21
Total Respondents: 300	

#	Other residence and/or work location	Date
1	Magnolia rd	12/23/2013 7:26 PM
2	Work in Lyons, CO where there seems to be no bear problems	12/23/2013 2:15 PM
3	We also have a house in Winter Park where we have to use communal trash facilities due to bear activity.	12/10/2013 8:41 PM
4	Shanahan Ridge 5: 3703 Telluride Circle	12/10/2013 9:38 AM
5	http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
6	63rd and Jay Rd	12/9/2013 12:13 PM
7	2207 Mapleton Ave	12/9/2013 12:06 PM
8	My kids go to Foothill Elem.; we live in Pine Brook Hills - part of county...	12/3/2013 4:38 PM
9	Your map does NOT clearly label the zones on which you are asking for input	12/2/2013 8:55 PM
10	Knollwood subdivision, we see lots of bears in our neighborhood	12/1/2013 8:35 AM
11	I live and work in Zone 3	11/27/2013 9:32 PM
12	We had a mother bear and 2 cubs in our backyard (Vassar Drive) last week the night before a collection day!	11/25/2013 12:35 AM

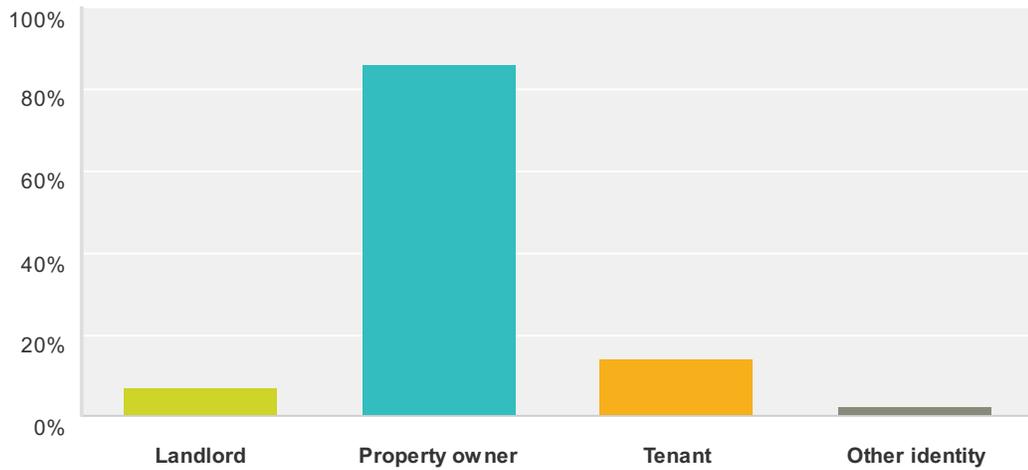
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13	Own property at 18 and Canyon	11/24/2013 9:05 PM
14	south boulder residence, work in zones 1-3	11/24/2013 6:28 PM
15	Pine Brook Hills	11/23/2013 4:35 PM
16	Sugar Loaf	11/23/2013 10:20 AM
17	Gunbarrel (Boulder County)	11/22/2013 8:16 PM
18	Martin Acres	11/22/2013 6:53 PM
19	Broadway and Evergreen	11/22/2013 2:34 PM
20	unincorporated boulder country near nederland	11/22/2013 2:17 PM
21	live in south boulder, work downtown boulder.	11/22/2013 1:19 PM

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Q5 How would you identify yourself? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 300 Skipped: 2



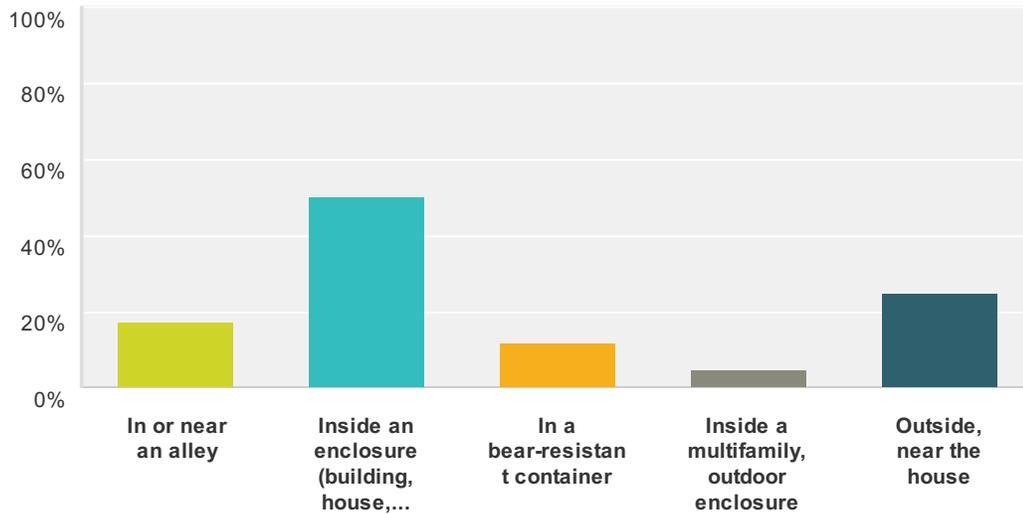
Answer Choices	Responses
Landlord	7.00% 21
Property owner	86% 258
Tenant	14.33% 43
Other identity	2.67% 8
Total Respondents: 300	

#	Other identity	Date
1	concerned and interested citizen - who happens to not live in Boulder	12/10/2013 2:21 PM
2	Business owner. pitchj@indra.com John Picchiottino Please acknowledge receipt of my Other Locations comments..	12/10/2013 9:38 AM
3	http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
4	teacher	11/27/2013 9:32 PM
5	fomer resident who actively tried to educate my neighbors in the W Pearl/Mapleton Hill neighborhoods	11/25/2013 12:44 PM
6	Someone who has a lot of experience with what works	11/24/2013 1:21 PM
7	City employee	11/22/2013 1:37 PM
8	none of your business	11/22/2013 1:19 PM

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Q6 Where do you store your food waste prior to collection day?

Answered: 294 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
In or near an alley	17.01% 50
Inside an enclosure (building, house, garage, shed, etc.)	50.34% 148
In a bear-resistant container	11.56% 34
Inside a multifamily, outdoor enclosure	4.76% 14
Outside, near the house	24.83% 73
Total Respondents: 294	

#	Other storage location	Date
1	We have an enclosure that has doors that Western Disposal uses to empty containers on days of pickup. We have never had any problem with bears at our residence	12/12/2013 9:47 AM
2	Our garbage is kept under our deck next to the house. Our alley was often a mess, but bears never came into our yard after our garbage. I am not stupid - so much available in the alley, that bears did not need to do that. I have no enclosure that would work, and I am willing to pay for a bear container - but cost should be spread amongst entire city as this is a city wide problem. And I mean city wide - not just that bear have been throughout city, but it feels a bit like punishment that because I live west of Broadway - only we have to bear the financial burden.	12/11/2013 8:56 AM
3	An outside community dumpster	12/10/2013 8:41 PM
4	Now? In my kitchen. I compost vegetable matter in my backyard and I accumulate less than 4 gals of trash in a week, so it goes out the night before pickup (which is at 7AM, and I am never awake between 5 and 7 AM, so I could not unlatch) . When my children were at home I kept trash in an outside container near my front door. It was never tampered with.	12/10/2013 7:34 PM
5	Often times during the warm months, containers are kept in an enclosure. Have taken steps to securely close the container though it would not be considered bear resistant - other varmints are not able to get into the bin	12/10/2013 2:21 PM

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6	Most trash goes out 1/4 drive to collection area just east of 75th on Valmont. This is pretty far from the nearest house. We have a compost in our backyard (as I am a farmer). We have some bear resistant Trash Cans that have screw tops and heavy plastic. We got these because of problems with raccoons (not bears, as we are probably too far east).	12/10/2013 10:30 AM
7	I live in Niwot, and have only seen a bear once here. If it were necessary, I would gladly pay for a bear-resistant trash and compost bin.	12/10/2013 10:00 AM
8	We have an on-site compost bin where we place plant materials for composting. We see raccoons there but never bears, and we have never had damage to the bin or significant materials removed from the composting pile. All other food and household waste/recycle is stored in cans inside the garage until pickup day.	12/10/2013 9:08 AM
9	http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
10	However, if it were determined that our trash location was an attractive nuisance for bears, we would change how we managed it. I live in the foothills (not in Boulder) and make sure that our trash is NOT an attractive nuisance for bears. We have seen bears on our property. I like bears that are not a nuisance. Some of that is my responsibility. I wish our trash company made bear resistant cans available to us. I would pay extra for them.	12/9/2013 12:13 PM
11	We use LidLock by Nature-Proof on our garbage cans. We have just successfully tested this product with Western Disposal collectors. nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 11:15 AM
12	Although our containers are outside, they are behind a 6 ft. fence into our side yard.	12/9/2013 10:20 AM
13	We store our trash outdoors in an area with a high chain-link fence. We have never had a bears or wildlife break into our trash but we are willing to store our trash in our garage.	12/9/2013 9:40 AM
14	Our home produces a relatively small amount of garbage so we pay for the smallest (of three sizes) waste container and choose the largest composter offered from Western Disposal. Unfortunately it is not even an option for them to provide a bear resistant container in our container volume. Through the current fee structure at Western Disposal it would more than double our monthly waste service costs to simply have two bear resistant containers.	12/6/2013 12:00 PM
15	It would be useful if there was some discussion about making bear resistant receptacles more accessible. At this point, they cost a lot more if you use Western Disposal. First, they make you choose a larger trashcan, which costs more. Second, they charge an extra 10\$/month for it.	12/4/2013 9:29 PM
16	We live at 9th and downtown. Never had a bear issue.	12/4/2013 7:29 AM
17	I don't store odiferous waste in my compost and trash can. And my trash can is not put out until trash day. SO WHY are you punishing me for other's laziness. They could store their trash in their garage . But that's too much work for them. Force violators to buy and use bear resistant containers. Don't take the easy way out and edict a blanket 'solution'.	12/2/2013 8:55 PM
18	I have bungeed my garbage can and drilled a hole through it securing the lid with a piece of flexible wire with excellent results.	11/30/2013 9:06 PM
19	Create opportunities for neighbors to group together for shared safe dumpsters - like neighborhood eco passes. Incentivize, educate, offer links to affordable resources	11/30/2013 8:21 AM
20	In a freezer indoors until morning of collection.	11/30/2013 3:46 AM
21	I put compost in bear-resistant can; trash and recycle are in the alley. Since putting in the bear-resistant can for compost, we've never had a bear knock over a can.	11/27/2013 12:44 PM
22	This is how almost everyone in our area stores garbage, etc. Many don't even have garages, so the new regulations would force them to put garbage in their house (health issue) or pay a lot to build an appropriate structure (if they have room). That is too expensive for our neighborhood. Best option: have wildlife officers patrol and haze bears--keep them out of neighborhoods (like they do in Churchill, Manitoba, with polar bears).	11/26/2013 7:21 PM
23	Been here in Table Mesa for 15 years and have never had a single problem, not once. Please don't fix a problem that does not exist here. If the trash is totally gone they'll still come for the apples etc. You must haze the bears out of town.	11/26/2013 6:58 PM

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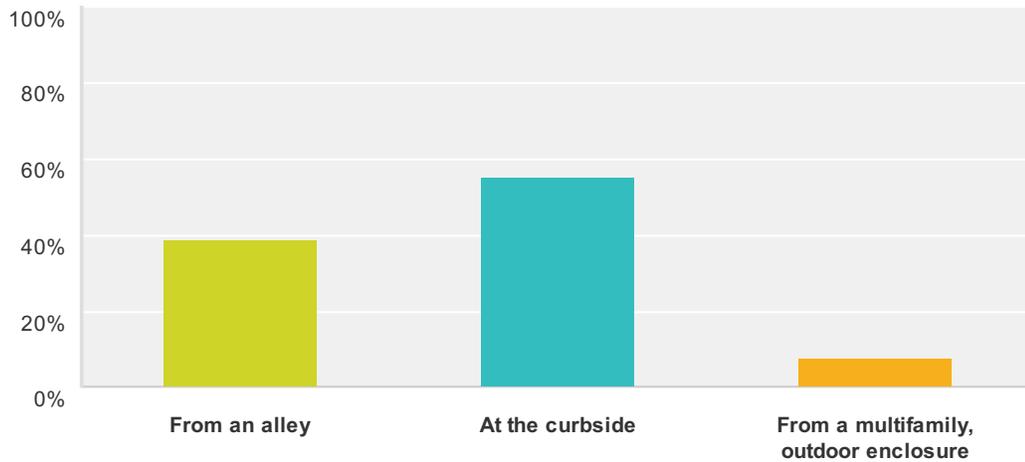
24	Depends a bit on the season. I try to keep it inside as long as possible during times of peak activity. If I put it out, I put it inside a chainlink fence, with more protection (no problem) but sometimes guests or my wife forgets, or even I forget. Compost veg and yard waste actively and keep that in sealed 5 gal bucket. My trash is gotten into once a year by likely bear, when in alley, or this compost bucket is raided by raccoons twice a year and I think skunks raid my compost pile a few times a year.	11/26/2013 6:55 PM
25	Do not have bear activity by my house but if I did would be happy to secure it from bears	11/26/2013 11:49 AM
26	I have lived in my current location around 5th and Spruce for 8 years, have left my garbage and compost outside of my house and have never had a bear incident. Bears frequent the alley two doors down from my house often and I have seen bears on multiple occasions. I do think the alleys are the main problem but I also wonder if the alleys were secured, could the bears just come to the streets? I am not sure.	11/25/2013 8:06 PM
27	I keep food garbage in my freezer until day of collection.	11/25/2013 7:10 PM
28	I do not have a garage.	11/25/2013 5:25 PM
29	Breast resistant containers are not allowed by our hoa. We secure our own bins with a homemade tie system.	11/25/2013 3:37 PM
30	Have not had bears get into trash or compost when secured near the house.	11/25/2013 10:43 AM
31	Dumpster at apt building	11/25/2013 9:22 AM
32	We do this during bear season.	11/24/2013 8:53 PM
33	Keep container in garage until trash day.	11/24/2013 2:28 PM
34	CanShed a wonderful product designed and manufactured here in Boulder.	11/24/2013 1:39 PM
35	garbage is placed in alley after daylight the day of collection. There is no reason why garbage can't be picked up on street in our area- south of Baseline on Columbine Ave. Bears are always in our alleys and too many people store garbage in alley- hence a constant food source is available.	11/24/2013 1:13 PM
36	All waste is in enclosures within a townhome complex. The enclosures have gates that close with latches, although frequently users do not latch the gate. In addition, compost containers are within the enclosures and have bear-resistant latches, although, again, users occasionally do not fully close the container so it latches (less frequently than leaving the gate unlatched). I am not aware that we have had bears near the waste enclosures, nor does the map identify a bear sighting in the complex, and the area is immediately adjacent to open space in South Boulder.	11/24/2013 12:36 PM
37	Outside location- compost container	11/24/2013 11:53 AM
38	We have a conventional trash cart secured with multiple bungee cords, which sits near the alley. The bungee cords are mostly effective in deterring the bears.	11/24/2013 7:45 AM
39	We aren't rich and do not have the square footage to store garbage in our house/garage. And many in our neighborhood don't even have a garage!! There has never been a bear incident--bear in garbage--on our block or the surrounding blocks in the 15 years we have owned this house.	11/24/2013 7:05 AM
40	On our private property behind a fully fenced in yard.	11/23/2013 4:35 PM
41	near house, I have no option BUT I toss in a splash or two of high strength amonia. That works.	11/23/2013 3:10 PM
42	We freeze all perishable garbage and anything that has an ordor, it is kept in the freezer until trash pickup day.	11/23/2013 1:48 PM
43	Containers are kept inside a 7 foot fenced yard prior to collection day.	11/23/2013 1:25 PM
44	I have once seen a bear knocking over garbage cans in the night before trash collection. Why do you think people put out the trash the night before? Because collection starts at 8am, and not everyone can get their trash/compost out before then. And then it's 2 weeks before the compost is collected again. And the trash and compost is getting stinkier, especially in summer. One solution that I have not seen suggested, is to start collection later in the morning.	11/23/2013 10:52 AM
45	Trash goes outside, There's absolutely no other option here. "Attractive" garbage like meat scraps, etc, go in the freezer until the morning of trash day. This is very effective, but a PITA. Have to do it because there is no 32 gallon bear-resistant option with Western and they do such a great job here I would not like to change providers.	11/23/2013 10:41 AM

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46	– I'd add that because we're at the very start of Western's route, we set our alarm for 6:45am on collection day. The trucks rumble down our alley at around 7am.	11/23/2013 10:34 AM
47	In my garage.	11/23/2013 9:21 AM
48	I have a chain link enclosure. Our single garbage can has mostly waste plastic. Our single stream is there too. I do not take Western's compost bin as I compost on my property. I have community use dog waste recycling bins at alley and sidewalk. I realize my yard and willingness to handle yard waste is a time luxury. Nonetheless, even if I lived in an apt., the only difference would be that vegetable waste would be in the garbage disposal in addition to meat and grain. I don't throw away a lot of food. Wasteful and expensive. I am 65, raised 4 children - and have been like this for 40 years. We've always had bears in our alley and I am very sensitive to this as I know the Yellowstone and garbage dump story. (Approximately 30 years ago Yellowstone Park locked bears out of dumps, many starved. In AK I seen bears in dumps, some dying from eating plastic baby diapers. Beyond awful.) This is about respect, how I choose to behave.	11/23/2013 9:02 AM
49	I put the bones etc of chicken and meat in the freezer. We also have a racoon problem and not putting anything edible in the trash has stopped the problem. We did have a bear go for and break the bird feeder so we started taking that in at night and that solved the problem.	11/23/2013 7:06 AM
50	This survey is a bunch of bullshit. Ask the relevant questions. For a family of five using only a 32 gallon trash service, requiring a 64 gallon bear resistant can is an added expense of nearly \$500 per year. Require Western and other trash companies to provide bear resistant cans or to sell them at a reasonable cost. Require 32 gallon or smaller bear resistant cans.	11/22/2013 8:11 PM
51	We purchased bear proof trash and compost bins because we keep our bins in the alley. We don't have a garage or shed as storage options.	11/22/2013 7:10 PM
52	Please phase this in starting in the Spring. Many many other types of animals live and exist by feeding on trash. This includes Raccoons. It is not their fault. Please phase in during warm months so that there will not be a cruel dramatic die off of these many other animals.	11/22/2013 7:09 PM
53	Currently in my backyard	11/22/2013 6:53 PM
54	We could store out Western Compost Container inside our secure fenced yard. We have had no bear, or (raccoon or other wildlife) issues with our compost stored in the alley. We definitely have a squirrel overpopulation problem in the downtown area - interested to hear what the city recommends on that.	11/22/2013 4:56 PM
55	I have an adequate bear resistant system designed myself that has not been opened by the bears though houses on both sides of me have had multiple offenses and bears visit nightly through the season. My system is adequate and there is currently no bear resistant can available in the small size I use. The added expense is unfair to someone who has never had a violation.	11/22/2013 4:35 PM
56	there is no collection day. it's simple keep your trash in your house and then take it to the collection facility. It's not that difficult people, thousands of us in the mtn's west of boulder have been doing this for years. It might even help convince you to generate less trash !	11/22/2013 2:17 PM
57	We don't put food waste out for collection, we have our own compost bins for use in our garden and yard.	11/22/2013 2:04 PM

Q7 Where is your food waste collected?

Answered: 283 Skipped: 19



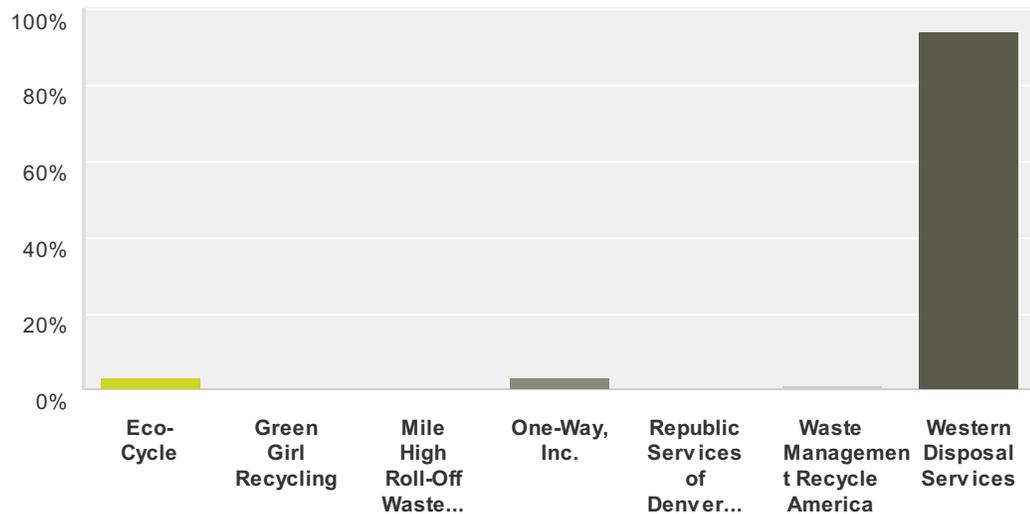
Answer Choices	Responses
From an alley	38.52% 109
At the curbside	55.12% 156
From a multifamily, outdoor enclosure	7.77% 22
Total Respondents: 283	

#	Other collection location	Date
1	short dead-end alley, just off street	12/11/2013 5:45 PM
2	Driveway	12/10/2013 10:00 AM
3	http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
4	We live on an alley (44th street) but put our garbage curbside	12/7/2013 11:53 AM
5	99% of our food waste is home composted	11/26/2013 2:57 PM
6	none of the above	11/26/2013 9:01 AM
7	carry out service from driveway	11/25/2013 7:42 PM
8	do not put compost in alley as we use it ourselves	11/25/2013 10:43 AM
9	Dumpster outside apt complex	11/25/2013 9:22 AM
10	from inside the parking garage	11/24/2013 10:34 PM
11	we compost it all on iwte, have never had bears disturb it even though we have had them in the neighborhood	11/23/2013 9:50 PM
12	Not collected. Food waste is composted for home garden.	11/23/2013 6:17 PM
13	We use enclosed steel compost bins, don't put any out for collection	11/23/2013 5:21 PM
14	On the morning of collection day	11/23/2013 10:20 AM
15	I do not have compost collection.	11/22/2013 5:24 PM
16	it is not collected, i drive it to a collection location	11/22/2013 2:17 PM
17	We don't put food waste out, we have our own compost bins.	11/22/2013 2:04 PM

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Q8 What company provides your waste collection service?

Answered: 291 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Eco-Cycle	3.09% 9
Green Girl Recycling	0.34% 1
Mile High Roll-Off Waste Systems, Inc.	0.34% 1
One-Way, Inc.	3.09% 9
Republic Services of Denver, Allied Waste Division	0.34% 1
Waste Management Recycle America	1.37% 4
Western Disposal Services	93.81% 273
Total Respondents: 291	

#	Other waste collection service	Date
1	Our recycling container is also bear-resistant	12/23/2013 7:26 PM
2	Not sure on this	12/13/2013 8:37 AM
3	http://www.nature-proof.com	12/9/2013 12:18 PM
4	Not sure.	11/26/2013 1:26 PM
5	Western Disposal charges very high rates for bear proof containers and do not have a sufficient amount of containers to meet the need.	11/24/2013 8:53 PM
6	All waste co.s should have an online video about how to handle food waste. The bear officers should visit schools, civic lunches, etc. and give programs. People who are ticketed should be allowed education, and assistance. Most people with 2-3 interventions will manage their garbage to reduce bear nuisance. It will improve city wide recycling and the amount of carbon we throw into landfills.	11/23/2013 9:02 AM
7	Not sure	11/22/2013 8:35 PM
8	Not sure	11/22/2013 4:30 PM
9	None	11/22/2013 2:17 PM

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Silly question.

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