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Black bears in Collier County

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State wildlife officials say it's residents who need to take responsibility to coexist with the animal.

Fish and Wildlife officers in Collier County have logged 36 calls involving bears so far this year.

- _ Bears that are used to getting human food can become a threat to public safety and must be destroyed
- _ To avoid a needless death, do not provide food for bears
- _ Store trash in a secure area
- _ Bring pet food inside
- _ Protect livestock with electric fencing