

Local Bear and Trash Ordinances

The county and city ordinances are both complaint-driven, meaning they require for residents to report bear and trash incidents to law enforcement agencies to be effective. Both basically read the same. You are asked to store your trash in a manner that makes it unavailable to bears and other wildlife. If bears get into your trash, and you have received a Notice of Violation, you are required to:

- Store trash in a secure structure or bear-resistant trash container
- Abide by time of placement schedules for placing trash container out for collection

LA PLATA COUNTY

The La Plata County Board of Commissioners adopted a **Bear-Resistant Trash Container Ordinance** in 2008. The ordinance is enforced by the La Plata County Sheriff's Department and fines range from \$200 to \$500. County residents are asked to report incidents of bears getting into trash by calling **Central Dispatch at 385-2900**.

CITY OF DURANGO

The City of Durango adopted a **City Wildlife Ordinance** in 2010 and amended it in 2013 to include the requirement that trash containers not be placed out prior to 6 A.M. on the morning of collection. Warnings for first violations were replaced by a \$100 fine in 2017. City residents are asked to report bear and trash incidents by calling **City Code Enforcement at 375-4930**.

Penalties for violations of wildlife ordinances in Colorado are as follows:

COMMUNITY	1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
Ouray	Warning	\$300	\$300 and/or Jail
Minturn	Warning	\$150 to \$250	\$250 to \$1000
Steamboat Springs	Warning	\$350	Up to \$1000
Palmer Lake	\$50	\$75	\$100
Mancos	\$50	\$150	Summons
Telluride	\$50	\$250	Summons
Snowmass Village	\$50	\$250	Summons
Durango	\$100	\$200	\$200
Crested Butte	\$100	\$200	\$300 to \$1000
Winter Park	\$100	\$200	Summons
Carbondale	\$100	\$250	\$500
Aspen	\$250	\$500	Up to \$999
Boulder	\$250	\$500	\$1000
Lake City	Up to \$300		
Vail	Up to \$999		

Estes Park	Up to \$2,650	same	same
COUNTIES			
Eagle County	\$100	\$200	\$500
La Plata County	\$200	\$300	\$500
Pitkin County	\$350	\$500	Up to \$1000
Larimer County	Up to \$2,650	same	same

A sampling of other Colorado Community Wildlife Ordinances:

- **Town of Snowmass Village**
- **Town of Vail**
- **City of Aspen**
- **Town of Crested Butte**
- **Town of Ouray**
- **Town of Basalt**
- **Town of Mancos**
- **City of Steamboat Springs**
- **City of Boulder**
- **Town of Lake City**
- **Town of Winter Park**
- **Estes Park**
- **Larimer County**