



[MEADOW HILL, INC.](#)

Warning Notice

Bear Sighting on Meadow Hill Property

Please be alert and aware that a bear was sighted on the Meadow Hill property on Saturday. He was sighted earlier on Sunday near the Green on Main Street.

Please stay alert and be aware.

Here are the guidelines from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)

[Connecticut DEEP Guidelines for Black Bears](#)

[Avoiding Conflicts with Bears](#)

1. Remove Food Attractants:

- - Do not feed bears or leave food outside.
- - Secure garbage in bear-resistant containers or store in a garage/shed until pickup.
- - Clean grills after each use and store them inside if possible.
- - Take down bird feeders from late March through November; they are a major attractant.
- - Do not leave pet food outdoors.

[If You Encounter a Bear](#)

- - Remain calm.
- - Do not run. Back away slowly, keeping your eyes on the bear.
- - Make noise (yell, clap, or bang pots) to scare it away.
- - Make yourself appear large. Raise arms, open a jacket, or hold a backpack over your head.
- - Keep pets leashed and bring them inside.
- - If the bear stands on its hind legs, it is usually trying to see/smell better, not being aggressive.



Bear Sightings and Reporting

- - Report aggressive bears, property damage, or bold behavior to:
- - CT DEEP Wildlife Division: 860-424-3011
- - You can also report non-emergency sightings on DEEP's website:
- - www.ct.gov/deep/blackbear

Legal and Safety Notes

- - Do not shoot or harm a bear unless there is an imminent threat to human life.
- - Bears are protected under state law; intentional feeding is illegal and may result in fines.
- - CT DEEP may relocate or euthanize bears that become highly habituated or aggressive.

Bear Population in CT

- - Black bears are common in northwestern and central Connecticut but have been sighted in all counties.
- - Bear sightings are increasing, and DEEP tracks them using reports from the public.