

Since 2010, Defenders of Wildlife's Electric Fence Incentive Program has supported over 800 electric fencing projects in Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Washington, reducing conflict and protecting people, property and bears.

"I received payment for half the cost of the fence, as well as guidance on how to design and install the fence from Defenders of Wildlife. I might not have gone forward with the project without the cost assistance, and I doubt if the design would have been as effective without the technical assistance. There have been bears on the property, but they have not gotten into the yard to harass the chickens or partake of the vegetables."

-Kenneth B., Seeley Lake, MT

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Defenders of Wildlife protects and restores America's wildlife at risk of extinction, advancing a vision of a future in which wildlife thrives, sustained by broad public support and a resilient network of healthy lands and waters.

Northwest Program Mailing Address

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Twisp, WA 98856



www.defenders.org/got-bears

COVER: A BLACK BEAR CUB RAIDS GARBAGE CAN
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Got Bears?

Install a bear-resistant electric fence.

Defenders of Wildlife can help you pay for it.



Defenders' Electric Fence Incentive Program

Chicken coops, beehives, fruit trees, garbage and other sources of enticing odors can regularly draw hungry and curious bears to your property. Properly installed bear-resistant electric fencing is a simple and effective way to deter them. Defenders of Wildlife's Electric Fence Incentive Program can help you obtain an electrified barrier to keep bears out of things they shouldn't get into and will reimburse you for 50% of the cost—up to \$500. (Additional funding may be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

Participating in the program is a simple, three-step process:

1. Refer to the list of qualifying attractants on the next page. If you qualify and are in an eligible area, you must **contact us before purchasing materials and installing your fence** to confirm your place on our list for reimbursement. Funding is limited and first-come, first-served.
2. Plan your project. Defenders can provide information on design and materials. **Note that to effectively deter bears and qualify for reimbursement, your fence requires a 0.70 output joule (or greater) energizer.**
3. Once your fence is completed, fill out and submit the application form and all required supporting documentation to receive your reimbursement.



Eligible Areas

West of Highway 97 in Okanogan County, such as the following communities:

- Methow Valley; Mazama, Winthrop, Twisp, Carlton
- Loomis
- Conconully

Qualifying Bear Attractants*

- Chicken coops
- Beehives
- Boneyards/carcass pits
- Fruit trees
- Garbage
- Gardens and composting
- Livestock and pet feed
- Restaurant grease containers
- Backcountry camps

**Something else attracting bears to your property? Contact us to see if it qualifies for the fencing incentive.*

Application Form

Complete this form and gather the following documentation:

- ☐ Signed W-9 form (strictly for Defenders' tax purposes)
- ☐ Copies of receipts for all fencing supplies purchased
- ☐ Photos of your completed fence

Submit (mail or email) form and required documentation to:

Defenders of Wildlife
PO Box 1146
Twisp, WA 98856
or
kbotzet@defenders.org

DATE

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS (must match W-9)

PROJECT ADDRESS (if different from mailing)

EMAIL

PHONE

AMOUNT SPENT

COMMENTS (feedback helps us improve the program)