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EHPD Issues a Black Bear Advisory

East Hartford, CT—East Hartford Police Department patrol officers encountered a new neighbor this evening, that happened to be a black bear.

Officers saw the bear in the area of 800 Silver Lane. The bear has been seen in and out of the woods in the area of Clement Road and Gold Street.

There is no danger to the public and the bear has shown no signs of aggression.

However, we urge residents to take into consideration the following tips offered by DEEP to protect their properties from attracting wildlife:

- Remove bird feeders from late March through November. If a bear visits a bird feeder in winter, remove the feeder.
- Keep trash bags in a container with a tight lid and store in a garage or shed.
- Do not leave pet food outside overnight. Store livestock food in airtight containers.
- Do not put meats or sweet-smelling fruit rinds in compost piles. Lime can be sprinkled on the compost pile to reduce the smell and discourage bears.
- Thoroughly clean grills after use or store in a garage or shed.
- Never intentionally feed bears. Bears that associate food with people may become aggressive and dangerous. This may lead to personal injury, property damage, and the need to destroy problem animals.

Encourage your neighbors to take similar precautions.

For more information and tips please visit this link.