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Bear Sighting Reported Near Arboretum

Maple Valley, Wash. – October 1, 2020 – The City of Maple Parks and Recreation Department is advising residents and businesses that several witnesses reported seeing a young black bear just east of the King County Cedar to Green Trail behind the Arboretum today around 12:15pm.

We recommend residents and businesses follow these steps when encountering a bear:

- Report any bear sightings by calling 911 (City of Maple Valley Police Department)
- Stay calm if you encounter a bear – Do not run or get too close.
- Make noise to be sure the bear knows that you are in close proximity.
- Do not approach the bear for any reason. Leave the area.
- Secure your trash and do not place dog, cat, or bird food in locations where the bear can access it. Bears have a great sense of smell and will be attracted to it.

To contact the Maple Valley Parks and Recreation Department call (425) 432-9953.

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