

Getting the Most Out of Your New Bearicuda Razorback Bin

Congratulations on your purchase of a BearicudaBin container. Bearicuda Bin has proven to be an exceptional way of keeping nuisance wildlife out of property owner's garbage for nearly 25 years, and we hope that you will have exceptional results with your bin as well. We are providing you this instruction sheet as a reference to give you tips on ensuring that wildlife will be kept out of your garbage, as well as addressing common questions that come up from time to time. We are confident that if you follow the tips and suggestions provided here that you too will have excellent results with your new Bearicuda Bin.



We've Put Our Bins To The Test



Has Bearicuda Razorback Bin really been tested?

Yes, in several ways. We have tested Bearicuda Bin with bears on four separate occasions, they have been tested with raccoons, and most importantly they have been tested in real life use for nearly 25 years.

Here are the things you will need to do to make your new Bearicuda Razorback Bin really animal resistant:

Use A Clip

Use a carabiner, dog leash catch, or pad lock to keep latch closed. Bearicuda Bin uses a latch that keeps the lid closed by holding it down over the bins top frame. The latch fits over a catch mounted to the bins front panels.

To be animal resistant the latch must be kept closed with a clip that will prevent a bear from being able to open the latch. If you have curbside pick-up of garbage we recommend using a carabiner or dog leash catch as this clip, so it is easier for the waste collector to open the bin. For smaller wildlife (raccoons, coyotes, skunks, squirrels, etc) it is usually not necessary to use a clip as testing has shown that these critters can't open a Bearicuda Bin if latched or not.

Secure Your Bin

Bears are strong and powerful creatures, and they

can easily upend a Bearicuda Bin. If the Bearicuda Bin's latch is closed with a clip as described, it is highly unlikely that they will get into the bin, but the bin can easily be moved (sometimes a fairly significant distance) by a bear, causing damage to the bin (scratching, small dents, etc) or to your property. They can even move the bin onto the road which could cause a collision. Bearicuda Bin has several ways to be secured to avoid this. The best way is to mount the bin on a concrete pad (guidelines to making a concrete pad are provided on the other side of this sheet) or other significant base using the mount feet which are included with your bin. Bearicuda Bin also has holes in the rear corners of the bin's base to chain (3/16" chain, larger sizes will not fit through holes) or cable the bin to a solid tree or post. For the most part bears are the only North American wildlife that will be able to move a Bearicuda Bin, but securing your bin on a solid base or chaining it up will also prevent theft of your bin as well.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is Bearicuda Bin bear proof?

A: It is very common for customers to call and ask for a "Bear Proof" container, but we describe Bearicuda Bin as "animal resistant" and not bear proof. There are a couple of reasons for this:

1) The various Natural Resources ministries do not want "bear" products to have the term "bear proof".

2) Bears are powerful and amazing creatures and it would be unrealistic to describe any product as "bear proof". However, bearicuda bin has been tested rigorously with black, grizzly, and even polar bears and they fared very well in each test. And when used with the instructions provided on this worksheet they have proven to be very effective at keeping all wildlife out of the garbage and "Keeping Your Property Clean and Safe".

Q: The latch is not closing properly, is there anything I can do to correct this?

A: This is the most common Bearicuda Bin complaint, and there's a reason for this. Our latch is also designed as a safety feature. The latch always falls forward when the lid is opened, this is to prevent an injury if the lid inadvertently closes (from the wind or if someone bumps into it, etc.). By falling forward the latch acts as a buffer to prevent the lid from slamming down hard on any fingers that could be in between the rim and the lid. The latch also prevents children from accidentally being locked inside of the bin. However, if the lid does slam down on the latch it will cause the latch to "squish" closed so it won't go over the frame and seat on the catch. If this happens what



you need to do is simply bend the latch against the handle to re-position it.

Occasionally you may find that rather than being "squished" closed the latch is opened wider than the catch, if this happens what you need to do is simply bend the latch back against the handle to re-position it.

Q: Will a Bearicuda Bin rust?

A: Bearicuda Bin is an all steel product, and any steel product can be susceptible to corrosion over time. Bearicuda Bin is painted with a polyester powder coat paint that is intended to keep your bin looking good and protected for many years of service. However, like your car or any other item you own how long it will last and look good depends on how you take care of it.

To avoid rust on your Bearicuda Bin we recommend washing it once or twice a year. You can use soapy water, a car wash solution, Mr. Clean, or other similar products to clean your bin. We have found that Bearicuda Bin is more vulnerable to corrosion when on a main road that is salted over the winter, if this is the case it is highly recommended to wash your bin thoroughly every spring to remove salt spray residue.

Q: Will I need to repaint my Bearicuda Bin, and if so what paint should I use?

A: If you wash your bin out and keep it clean it should look good and protected for many years. But as Bearicuda Bin is such a strong, durable product you could expect to exceed 10-20 years of use, and during its long life you may want to freshen up your bin with a fresh coat of paint.

If you choose to do this we recommend using an alkyd enamel rust paint (Tremclad, Rustoleum, Rust Coat, etc). You may also find that you only need to paint the base of the bin as it sits on the ground. For that you could use an alkyd enamel or an aerosol undercoating spray. If the base of the bin was painted every 5-10 years you should be able to ensure a long life for your Bearicuda Bin.

Q: Does Bearicuda Bin have a warranty?

A: No, Bearicuda Bin does not have a specific warranty. As a garbage container, there are numerous factors that can damage your bin that are not related to Bearicuda Bin's design, and for that reason we do not have a warranty. However, Bearicuda Bin has a reputation for excellent customer service and if you do have an issue with your bin, just call or e-mail us any time and we'll try to rectify any reasonable situation you may have.

Q: Are there any resources you can recommend to help learn about wildlife behavior and how I can keep our home free from nuisance wildlife?

A: Yes, there are a few resources we can recommend. We have links to several government agencies and wildlife centres on the bearicuda website, www.bearicuda.com You can also use your search engine and search "bears and garbage" or "nuisance wildlife" to find many excellent resources.

Guidelines For Concrete Pad

If you have some handyman skills you can make your own concrete pad for a Bearicuda Bin, but if not we recommend that you have a contractor make a pad for you, or to consider going to a pre-cast concrete business to see if they have a suitable size pad available. Below are the minimum specs for a concrete pad for your Bearicuda Bin. A pad can be made larger than these dimensions, but these sizes allow for space to mount the bin as well as providing enough weight to prevent a bear from upending the bin. Please note these recommendations are for typical black bears (150-400 lbs.) Larger black bears, grizzly and polar bears should have pads with bigger dimensions to compensate for their strength and size.

Bearicuda Bin Model	Minimum Concrete Pad Dimensions
ENC900	40" Wide x 32" x 4" Thick
ENC901	52" Wide x 32" x 4" Thick
ENC902	64" Wide x 32" x 4" Thick

Once the pad is made and cured, you can mount the bin by placing the supplied mount feet in the holes on the front and back of the bin's base (see picture). Locate the bin on the pad in your preferred location (allowing to be far enough away from the edge to avoid cracking of the concrete- minimum 2 1/2"). Use hammer drill to mark holes in centre of the bins feet and drill concrete to correspond with *lag bolt chosen (it may be necessary to move bin off pad to drill holes after they are marked). When lag holes are drilled, reposition bin over the holes and secure with nuts (we recommend using a washer with each nut). Try to move the bin after it is tightened to ensure the bin is secure.

*There are many lag bolt styles that will work for Bearicuda Bin, we recommend using 3/8" or 1/2" lags with a minimum length of 3". Ask your local hardware store for their recommendation.

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