

# Bear Resistant Residential Refuse Container 2017 Guidelines on Grant-Funded Discounts

## A. BACKGROUND

- 1) The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has announced that it will award Seminole County a \$200,000 grant in the summer of 2017 for the purpose of purchasing residential, bear-resistant refuse containers and using those containers within the Urban Bear Management Area (west of I-4) to help reduce the potential for human-bear conflicts.
- 2) After Seminole County's competitive bidding process, Toter, Inc. was awarded a term contract for 64-gallon, bear-resistant containers. With the initial purchase of 1,316 containers, the County's price is \$157.50 each. **The unit price of subsequent purchases may be slightly higher.**
- 3) The initial shipment of containers is anticipated on June 13, 2017.

## B. PRICES

Seminole will use the grant funds to offer discounted prices as follows (applicable only within the Urban Bear Management Area):

- 1) \$125.73 per 64-gal container for an individual residence;
- 2) \$42.14 per 64-gal container for a homeowner association (HOA), or neighborhood group that will ensure entire area has bear-resistant containers; and
- 3) NO COST for an individual residence that meets low-income guidelines.

Please note that the prices above include sales tax, as required by State law.

## C. WHO CAN APPLY?

- 1) Any individual or group (including HOAs) representing unincorporated area residences in Seminole County's Urban Bear Management Area (UBMA), which is west of I-4, may apply.
- 2) Residences that already have bear-resistant containers and residences that do not yet hold a certificate of occupancy from Seminole County are not eligible for grant-discounted containers.
- 3) New developments within the UBMA that are already required by Code to utilize bear-resistant containers are not eligible for grant-discounted containers.
- 4) In order to be eligible, residence must be annually assessed, by Seminole County, for solid waste disposal.

D. APPLICATIONS and REVIEWS

1) LOW-INCOME

- a. Complete the 2017 Urban Bear Management Assistance Application for 64-Gallon Bear Resistant Refuse Container.
- b. Provide completed application and income documentation to:

Community Assistance Division  
534 West Lake Mary Boulevard  
Sanford, FL 32773  
407-665-2300
- c. County will reserve 25 containers out of the initial purchase for low-income applicants and manage on a first come – first served basis. Reservation amounts for subsequent purchases will be determined at the time of subsequent purchase and consider the number of approved applications from each category.
- d. If approved, the County will deliver container to the subject residence at no cost to applicant(s).

2) INDIVIDUAL

- a. Complete the 2017 Application For 64-Gallon Bear Resistant Refuse Container.
- b. After June 1, 2017; 8:00AM EST, provide completed application to (hardcopy or email):

Division of Solid Waste Management  
1950 SR 419  
Longwood, FL 32707  
407-665-2260

[swcustomerservice@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:swcustomerservice@seminolecountyfl.gov)

- c. County will reserve 25 containers out of the initial purchase for individual applicants and manage on a first come – first served basis. Reservation amounts for subsequent purchases will be determined at the time of subsequent purchase and consider the number of approved applications from each category
- d. If approved, the County will contact applicant(s) to make payment arrangements with:

Department of Environmental Services  
500 West Lake Mary Boulevard  
Sanford, FL 32773  
407-665-2110

[wscustomerservice@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:wscustomerservice@seminolecountyfl.gov)

- e. Once payment is confirmed, County will deliver bear-resistant refuse container to residence. The County will not issue refunds, but will assist with warranty issues.

3) HOA/NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

- a. Complete the 2017 Application For 64-Gallon Bear Resistant Refuse Container.
- b. After June 1, 2017; 8:00 AM EST, provide completed application to (hardcopy or email):

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- c. Given the FWC's guidance that bear-resistant containers are most effective when an entire neighborhood or area utilizes them (eliminates bear attractants), the County is prioritizing these groups.
  - i. HOA / Neighborhood groups will not be required to have documents or fees mandating that all residents use bear-resistant containers, but groups demonstrating that these provisions are in place will be given higher priority.
  - ii. HOA / Neighborhood groups may purchase containers for all residences within the subject development or area, including vacant homes, with two exceptions:
    1. Residence already has a bear-resistant container; or
    2. Residence does not yet have a certificate of occupancy.
- d. If approved, the County will contact applicant(s) to make payment arrangements with:

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- e. Once payment is confirmed, County will deliver bear-resistant refuse container to residences. The County will not issue refunds, but will assist with warranty issues.

- 4) For the purpose of these applications, neighborhood groups must represent at least 10 contiguous residences that will purchase containers and are otherwise eligible for grant funded discounts. The subject residences may be separated by rights of way and easements, but not residences that will not participate in using bear-resistant containers.
- 5) Applications will be handled on a first come – first served basis, except as noted for HOAs/neighborhoods.
- 6) Applications for purchase (INDIVIDUALS and HOAs/NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS) will not be accepted until June 1, 2017 at 8:00AM EST.

- 7) For HOAs and neighborhood groups: By **11:00AM EST on June 1, 2017**, if the number of containers for which residents and organizations have applied (and are subsequently approved) exceeds the projected number of available containers, all applications from this category will be considered to have been submitted simultaneously and ranked based on considerations including the following:
  - a. Demonstrating that bear-resistant containers can be mandated will receive the highest priority;
  - b. Subdivisions or areas recommended by FWC as being a heightened public safety concern due to bear activity
  - c. HOAs or neighborhood groups representing the largest number of eligible residences;
  - d. Applications received after 11AM will be handled on a first come – first served basis.
- 8) Once applicant is notified by County that application is accepted, payment shall be received by County within 14 calendar days. A time extension may be granted under certain circumstances, but it must be requested within 14 calendar days of notification by the County. Failure to make timely payment arrangements may result in the rejection of the application.