

Getting the Most Out of Your New TyeDee Bin

Congratulations on your purchase of a TyeDee Bin container. TyeDee 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 TyeDee Bin.

WE'VE PUT OUR BINS TO THE TEST



Has TyeDee Bin really been tested?

Yes, in several ways. We have tested TyeDee 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. You can see video of the bins being tested on our website or by searching TyeDee Bin on YouTube.

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Make your new TyeDee Bin really Animal Resistant

USE A CLIP

Use a carabiner, dog leash catch, or pad lock to keep latch closed. TyeDee 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 TyeDee Bin if latched or not.

SECURE YOUR BIN

Bears are strong and powerful creatures, and they can easily upend a TyeDee Bin. If the TyeDee 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. TyeDee 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. TyeDee 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 TyeDee 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 TyeDee Bin bear proof?

A: Customers often call and ask for a "Bear Proof" container. We describe TyeDee Bin as "animal resistant", not bear proof. Bears are amazing and powerful creatures and it would be unrealistic to describe any product as "bear proof". TyeDee Bin has however been rigorously tested by black, grizzly, and even polar bears, and the bins fared very well in each test (watch the video on our website). When used in accordance with the directions, they have proven to be very effective at keeping all wildlife out of the garbage and "Keeping Your Property TyeDee and Secure".

Q: Why won't the latch on my bin close properly?

A: This is the most common TyeDee Bin question. Our latch is designed with your safety in mind. The latch always falls forward when the lid is opened. This is to prevent an injury if the lid is blown closed by the wind or if someone bumps the bin. By falling forward the latch acts as a spacer to prevent the lid from slamming down hard on any fingers that could be in between the rim and the lid. The safety design of the latch also prevents children from accidentally being locked inside the bin. If the lid does slam down on the latch, it could cause the latch to "squish" closed so it doesn't fit over the frame and seat on the catch. If this happens, you simply need to bend the latch against the handle to re-position it. Occasionally you may find that instead of being "squished" closed the latch has opened wider than the catch. If this happens, just position the latch between the bin's rim and the lid and gently push down on the lid to tighten the latch.

Q: Will a TyeDee Bin rust?

A: TyeDee Bin is an all-steel product, and steel products can be susceptible to corrosion over time. TyeDee Bin is painted with a polyester powder coat paint that is intended to keep your bin looking good and protected for many years, however like your car or any other item you own, it's appearance and life span depend on how you take care of it. To avoid rust on your TyeDee Bin we recommend washing it once or twice a year. You can use soapy water or car wash to clean your bin. Over time we have found that TyeDee Bin is more vulnerable to corrosion on main roads that are heavily salted during the winter. If this situation applies to you, it is essential to wash your bin thoroughly every spring to remove winter salt residue. We also recommend protecting your bin with a car "wax" type product before every winter, or if possible, move the bin back from the road and away from salt spray.

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

A: TyeDee Bin is such a strong, durable product you could get more than 20 years of use if you regularly wash your bin inside and out. During its long life you may want to give your bin a fresh coat of paint or perhaps you just want a change of colour. If you choose to do this we recommend using alkyd enamel rust paint (Tremclad, Rustoleum, Rust Coat, etc). You may find that you only need to paint the base of the bin as it sits on the ground. For that you could use alkyd enamel or an aerosol undercoating spray. If the base of the bin is painted every 5-10 years you will ensure a longer life span for your TyeDee Bin.

Q: Does TyeDee Bin have a Warranty?

A: TyeDee Bin has a 1 year limited warranty against manufacturing defects in the paint, structure and integrity of all of its steel components and fasteners. Due to factors associated with winter road salt and other environmental factors beyond our control, the warranty does not apply to paint issues that arise as a result of neglect.

Q: How do I handle any warranty issues I could have?

A: If you have an issue, please call 866-505-6460 or e-mail customers@tyeedeebin.com We will work with you to resolve your concerns in the most reasonable way possible. The resolution could involve a service call by one of our customer service specialists, a replacement part may be provided (shipping costs may be applicable), or the bin might be replaced if warranted. While TyeDee Bin reserves all rights in determining warranty resolution, we have a reputation of providing excellent customer service. We stand behind our products and are committed to providing our customers with the highest level of satisfaction possible.

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 TyeDee Bin website, www.tyeedeebin.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 TyeDee 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 TyeDee 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.

TyeDee Bin Model	Minimum Concrete Pad Dimensions
Cub	40" Wide x 32" x 4" Thick
Original	52" Wide x 32" x 4" Thick
XL	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 TyeDee Bin, we recommend using 3/8" or 1/2" lags with a minimum length of 3". Ask your local hardware store for their recommendation*