



# Modify your trashcan to resist bears



Secure your trashcan from bears using this easily to install design. To test your existing trashcan before modification, turn it on its side and stand on it; if the can collapses or the lid bends easily, it will not keep a bear out regardless of these modifications. In addition, before retrofitting your can, contact your waste service provider to ensure they will service a modified (retrofitted) can. **This design may not stop bears from accessing your garbage and trashcans should be kept secure until the morning of pickup.** For a more permanent solution, ask your waste service provider for a commercially manufactured bear-resistant trashcan. For more information, go to [MyFWC.com/Bear](http://MyFWC.com/Bear).

## Hasp Design

### Materials and Tools Needed:

- (1) Heavy-duty Trashcan
- (16)  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Washers
- (16) #10-24 x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Machine Screws
- (2) Steel Fixed Eye Hasps (hinged or flat)\*
- (2) Small-sized Carabineers (turn-lock style preferred)
- (16) #10-24 x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Nuts
- (1) Torque Wrench
- (1) Power Drill
- (1)  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Drill Bit

(\*If wood screws come in the hasp package, replace them with machine screws.)



1. Pre-drill  $\frac{3}{8}$ " holes for the hasp hinge in the two top, front corners (A) of the body of can.

NOTE: some models of cans may be better adapted to apply the hasps to the two top, side corners (B).

2. Screw the hinge onto the base of the can with machine screws through the pre-drilled holes. On the back of each machine screw place a washer then a nut. Tighten all nuts so the hinge does not move.



3. Lay the hinge over the lid to mark the best position for the eye of the hasp. Make sure the hinge can be locked and unlocked easily. Pre-drill  $\frac{3}{8}$ " holes in the marked spots on the lid of the can for the hasp eye.

4. Attach the eye of the hasp onto the lid with machine screws through the pre-drilled holes. On the back of each machine screw place a washer then tighten on a nut so the hasp eye does not move.

5. Repeat steps 1-4 on the other front corner of the can.

6. Fold the hinges over the can lip and use clips or carabineers through the hasp eye to secure trashcan contents.

NOTE: Tie a string or cord through the carabineers and the hasps to prevent the carabineers from getting lost when not in use.