

Looking to Deter Bears? Electric Fence Tips



Make sure your electric fence and energizer meet these specifications for success:

- **Minimum 0.6-1.0 Joule energizer (output)**
- **At least 5000V charge on the line**
- **At least 4 feet high**
- **At least 5 lines**
- **No more than 8" between lines**
- **Bottom line no more than 8" off the ground**



More tips are on the back . . .

Additional Tips:

- **Ensure system is properly grounded. You may need multiple grounding rods.**
- **Check the voltage every few days and fix problems quickly.**
- **Keep vegetation cut short under fencing to prevent system from shorting out.**
- **Keep at least 5 feet of space between fence and what you are protecting. This will keep bears from reaching over.**
- **Keep fence on and charged year-round, even in winter.**
- **Bait hot wires with bacon or peanut butter regularly to encourage mouth/nose contact from bears and ensure they get the shock needed for deterrence.**



Additional information is at portal.ct.gov/DEEP-Bears and bearwise.org

Scan this QR Code for the Beginner's Guide to Electric Fencing from BearWise.

