

Tools for Trash Storage

Keep your trash in an animal-resistant metal enclosure, commonly called a Bear Shed or Bear Box.

The photos below are basic examples only.
Listed below are local installers.

IVGID does not recommend any particular manufacturer.



Tahoe Bear Box Co. / Bear Saver

(530) 546-3154
www.bearbox.org

Carson Valley Welding

No Bear Can

(775) 884-9353
www.nobearcan.com

Baker Bear Bins

(530) 587-1374
www.bakerbins.com

The Bear Guard Co.

(530) 581-2211
www.bearguardinfo.com

Brown Bear Box

(530) 587-2895
www.brownbearhomecare.com

McCain Bear Box

(760) 734-5000
www.mccainbearbox.com

Animal resistant locking carts are now available for a small rental fee through Waste Management. Call to order at 775-831-2971.



Trash storage in a lockable building with curbside placement after 5 am on the morning of pick-up is permitted. However, this practice is discouraged, since bears have broken into buildings for trash. Curbside spills from non-locking containers, or placement out before service day, are subject to violation. Residential customers with valid ID may drop-off the equivalent amount (in lieu of curbside service) 7 days a week at the Incline Transfer Station, 1200 Sweetwater Road. Hours: 8 am to 4 pm. (775) 831-2971 or (775) 833-6251.

Animal-Resistant Dumpsters

LOCK THE DUMPSTER — every time!

LOCK IT RIGHT: Dumpsters should be LOCKED with the CARBINER/PADLOCK PLACED THROUGH THE HASP/HINGE/BAR. Never leave a dumpster open or with a gap between the lid and body.

- Never leave the dumpster open. All dumpsters have a metal lid and a locking system which should be kept closed and latched, except for immediate use of the dumpster.
- Never overfill a dumpster. There must be no gap between the lid and body when it is closed.
- Do not leave dumpsters open during business hours. Bears can be active in daylight hours.
- Never leave trash outside a dumpster.

In an Emergency: Call 911

Trash Problem Hotline

(for Incline Village / Crystal Bay only)
(775) 832-1221

IVGID Waste Not Conservation Programs

(775) 832-1284

www.BearSmartInclineVillage.org

Facebook: BEAR SMART (Incline Village)

BEAR League

www.savebears.org / (530) 525-PAWS

Get Bear Smart Society

BearSmart.com

Nevada DOW

www.ndow.org / (775) 688-BEAR

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Bear Smart

Incline Village/Crystal Bay
Nevada

Co-Existence is a
Community Effort



Be Bear Smart — their lives depend on it.



Co-Existing with Bears

Black bears are native to Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada mountains. You may encounter a bear (even in town) because some bears have lost their fear of humans; they have become habituated to human presence, human food and garbage.

Black bears are opportunistic omnivores, which means they will eat almost anything they can find. Unlike the bears natural food sources, garbage is a dense, high-energy food source that is regularly replenished and available year-round. When bears are not encouraged to hibernate by dwindling natural food sources, they stay active all winter. Black bears are wild animals, but if you take precautions, your chances of being injured are extremely low; chances of being killed by a domestic dog, bees, or lightning are vastly greater. Black bears are out looking for easy food, they do not commonly attack people.



A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR

This bear was killed in Incline Village for gaining access to improperly stored garbage and for not displaying a fear of humans. Once habituated, bears cannot be successfully relocated.

People have a responsibility to the wildlife whose habitat they are sharing. 95% of all human/bear conflict is attributed to improper storage of food or garbage.



Follow this checklist to help you 'bear-proof' your location:

Most human/bear conflict can be mitigated with the correct use of animal-resistant metal bear sheds or locking poly-carts for garbage. The right tool for trash storage in bear country can prevent damage, later on.

If you are not using a locking container, put your trash curbside after 5 am only on the day of service, never the night before. Wash containers with ammonia regularly.

Don't leave food, food wrappers, cups or trash in vehicles. Lock all vehicles. Set the car alarm.

Keep your home and garage doors closed, except for immediate use. A bear walking into an open garage to take food or garbage is preventable with this action.

Clean the recyclables - make them odorless.

Never approach, feed or attempt to touch bears or other wildlife.

Close all doors and windows when cooking.

Do not use a bird feeder. The seed is a very powerful attractant.

Clean the barbecue after each use.

Always feed your pets indoors.

Block the access to potential hibernation sites such as crawl spaces or under decks and buildings.

Remove food and garbage from vacant properties. Consider installing 'hot wire' electric deterrents to prevent access.

If You Encounter a Bear

IN YOUR YARD

Make your home 'attractant-free'. If there is nothing to eat, the bear will usually wander off. Save yourself from a damaged garage door, home or car by following the checklist guidelines. Remove edible landscape plants. If you see a bear in your yard or neighborhood — do not run, this may stimulate the instinct to chase. Walk away slowly, but let the bear know this is YOUR territory and it doesn't belong there. When at a safe distance, make noise, yell at the bear, bang pots and pans, throw small rocks. Make the bear think you are a bigger bear than it is. Don't be afraid or act submissive. Never block a bear's exit route.

IN THE WOODS

This is the bear's territory. Don't run and don't block the bear's path. Let the bear know you are there. Make eye contact but don't stare. Pick up small children who may run, and keep them calm. Appreciate the experience and move on with respect and self confidence.



Accessible garbage is a major attractant to wildlife. All owners are responsible for proper storage of waste on their property. Owners who do not properly contain waste, or place trash out at the curb prior to trash day, are subject of fines up to \$999 per incident. Invest in an animal resistant container instead. See other side for details.