

Residential Trash Storage:

Best option: Lock your trash in an animal-resistant metal enclosure (Bear Shed / Bear Box).

The photos below are examples only.
IVGID does not recommend any particular manufacturer.
Listed below are local installers.



Tahoe Bear Box Co.
(530) 546-3154
www.bearbox.org

Carson Valley Welding
(775) 884-9353
www.NoBearCan.com

Baker Bear Bins
(530) 587-1374
www.bakerbin.com

The Bear Guard Co.
(530) 581-2211
www.bearguardinfo.com

Brown Bear Box
(530) 587-2895
www.brownbearhomecare.com

2nd best option: Keep your trash in an animal-resistant cart.

Animal resistant poly-carts are now available to rent in Incline Village / Crystal Bay. Contact Waste Management at 775-831-2971 for information.



\$150 Bear Shed rebates are available in 2018. Visit www.IVGID.org.

Less Effective Residential Options:

Trash storage in a lockable building with curbside placement, only after 5 am, on the morning of pick-up is permitted. However, this practice is strongly discouraged, since bears have broken into buildings for trash. Curbside spills from non-locking containers can incur violations. Drop-off of equivalent curbside service is available 7 days a week at the Incline Transfer Station for residential customers. The Transfer Station is located at 1200 Sweetwater Road, IV NV 89451. Proof of residency ID required. General Hours: 8 am to 4 pm. (775) 831-2971 or (775) 833-6251.

Commercial Services:

LOCK THE BIN — every time!

- All bins have a metal lid and a locking system which must be kept secured at all times, except for immediate use of the unit.
- There should be no gap between the body/lid/door.
 - Do not overfill a bin or leave trash outside a bin.
 - Do not leave bins open during business hours. Bears are active day and night.
- Call Waste Management (774-831-2971) to adjust services for seasonal capacity needs.
- Call Waste Management for bin repairs if a unit is not locking correctly.

In an Emergency: Call 911.

DO NOT call 911 to report bear sightings. Use 911 only for situations where you feel in imminent personal danger.

Trash Complaints: Incline Village/Crystal Bay only. Email photos showing issue and also location, date and address to: solidwaste@ivgid.org or use the Talk2IVGID page on the website at www.ivgid.org.

Waste Not Conservation Programs: (775) 832-1284
www.BearSmartInclineVillage.org
Facebook: Bear Smart Incline Village

BEAR League offers 24 hour support: (530) 525-PAWS
www.savebears.org

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

Get Bear Smart Society: www.BearSmart.com

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Are You Bear Smart?

Co-Existence is a Community Effort



A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear—Keep them Wild



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 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.



Bears are destroyed for accessing trash, damaging property or because they no longer fear people. This bear was killed in Incline Village for being food habituated and for not displaying a fear of humans. Bears cannot successfully be relocated.

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.

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 be 'Bear Smart':



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 before. Wash containers with ammonia regularly.



Don't leave food, food wrappers, cups or trash in vehicles. Lock the vehicle and set the car alarm.



Keep your home and garage doors closed, except for immediate use. A bear walking into an open structure to take food or garbage is preventable by YOUR actions.



Rinse the recycling, it must be squeaky clean.



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



Close 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.



Securely block access to potential hibernation sites such as crawl spaces 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 OR NEIGHBORHOOD:

Make your home attractant-free. If there is nothing to eat, the bear will most likely 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 the bear's exit route.

IN THE WOODS:

This is the bear's territory to share. 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.



Garbage is a major attractant to wildlife. IVGID's Solid Waste Ordinance 1 (see www.IVGID.org) mandates that owners are responsible for properly managing waste on their property. Those who do not properly contain and store waste according to the ordinance can be issued significant fines for non-compliance. Invest in an animal resistant container to secure your trash to avoid problems. See other side for details.