

## Best Strategies for Trash Storage:

### Keep your trash in an animal-resistant Garbage Can Enclosure (GCE).

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



Tahoe Bear Box Co. / Bear Saver  
(530) 546-3154 / [www.bearbox.org](http://www.bearbox.org)

Carson Valley Welding / No Bear Can  
(775) 884-9353

Baker Bear Bins / (530) 587-1374

The Bear Guard Co. / (530) 581-2211  
[www.bearguardinfo.com](http://www.bearguardinfo.com)

Brown Bear (530) 587-2895

Online only:  
A variety of poly-cans and carts  
[www.bearicuda.com](http://www.bearicuda.com)



### Or - Keep your trash in an < animal-resistant cart.

Animal Resistant Poly Carts available:  
Call IVGID Waste Not (775) 832-1284.

### Less Effective Other Options:

Keep your trash contained in a lockable building — then put it out on the morning of pick-up, after 5 am. However, be advised, bears have broken into buildings for trash in our community. If you are not here on service day, you can drop off 2 bags of garbage plus recycling, for free, 7 days a week at the Incline Transfer Station at 1200 Sweetwater Rd. (M-F: 8am-4:30pm, Weekends: 8am-4pm) (775) 833-6251.

## Animal-Resistant Dumpsters:

All dumpsters in Incline Village & Crystal Bay are animal-resistant. They have a metal lid and a locking system which should be kept secured at all times.

**The photo below is an illustration of how a dumpster should look when properly locked.**

To report a non-locking dumpster, please call the Waste Not Hotline at (775) 832-1284.

### LOCK THE DUMPSTER — every time!

Dumpsters should be **LOCKED** with the **CARBINER (or) PADLOCK** placed **THROUGH THE HASP & HINGE** with **NO GAP!**



## In an Emergency: call 911.

### For more information:

**IVGID Waste Not Conservation Programs**  
(775) 832-1284 / [www.ivgid.org](http://www.ivgid.org)  
[www.stashyourtrash.org](http://www.stashyourtrash.org)

**Wildlife Related Trash Complaints** (24 hours a day)  
in Incline Village/C. Bay: (775) 832-1221

**IVGID Bear Sighting web report link**  
[www.ivgid.org/news\\_events](http://www.ivgid.org/news_events)

### **BEAR League**

[www.savebears.org](http://www.savebears.org) / (530) 525-PAWS

**NDOW** (Nevada Department of Wildlife)  
[www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org)



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# Are YOU Bear Aware?

*Their Lives Depend On It!*



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## Living with Bears

Black bears are native to Lake Tahoe and the Sierras. 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. Black bears are out looking for food, they do not commonly attack people.

**FEEDING BEARS (OR ANY WILDLIFE) CREATES A DANGEROUS SITUATION, INCREASES THE POTENTIAL FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE AND ENSURES THE DEATH OF THE ANIMAL!**



*The bear pictured (above and on the cover) was killed in Incline Village in July 2011, for being food habituated and not being afraid of humans.*

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 will stay active throughout the winter.

*In general, bears are not relocated once they become human habituated. Bears are euthanized for accessing trash, damaging property or because they no longer fear people.*

## A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear

### NEVER FEED A BEAR!

Human-habituated bears are more likely to cause property damage and be killed. Here are some guidelines that will help keep the people and the bears of North Lake Tahoe safe:



Dispose of waste in bear-resistant containers. Put your trash out after 5 am the day of service, never before. Rinse all food related recyclables.



Never leave food, food wrappers, drink cups or garbage in vehicles.



Always feed your pets indoors.



Clean the barbecue after each use.



Eliminate the bird feeders. Bears are very attracted to the high calorie seeds. No matter how you hang the feeder, bears will climb anything.




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



Keep home and garage doors closed, except for immediate use. A bear walking into an open garage, then taking food or garbage, is one of the preventable incidents often reported. Close windows and doors when cooking.



Bears know when it is garbage day.   
Unsecured trash is a major attractant to animals.  
IVGID fines for trash non-compliance begin at \$100 and increase to \$1000 per incident.  
**Invest in a wildlife-resistant container, instead.**  
Plus, you won't have to rush the garbage to the curb in the morning.  
See other side for options.

## 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. 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. 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. Do not get in between a mother bear and cubs.

### IN THE WOODS:

This is the bear's territory to share. Again, 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.

