

Residential Trash Storage

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

The photos below are examples only. Listed are local installers. IVGID does not recommend any particular manufacturer. Installation guidelines are posted at www.bearsmartinclinevillage.org.

Call 811-DIG (or visit <http://call811.com/start-here>) for free utility line marking BEFORE you install.



Bear Sheds have the lowest monthly trash rate!



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: Rent an animal-resistant cart. Contact Waste Management at (775) 831-2971.

Least Effective Option: Trash storage in a lockable building using 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 are subject to violation. Drop-off of equivalent curbside service is available 7 days a week at the Incline Transfer Station for residential customers. Residency ID required. The Transfer Station is located at 1200 Sweetwater Road, IV, NV 89451. (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. Never leave trash outside a bin.
- Do not leave bins open during business hours. Bears are active both day and night.
- Call Waste Management to increase services to meet seasonal capacity needs.
- Call Waste Management for bin or lid repair.

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 with location, date and address to: solidwaste@ivgid.org. Or call 775-832-1203 during regular business hours.

IVGID 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

Get Bear Smart Society: www.BearSmart.com

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



BearSmartInclineVillage.org

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Bear Smart Guide



A Fed Bear = 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.



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.

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.

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 these tips for co-existing with Tahoe Wildlife

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 a building or structure to take food or garbage will be killed, no second chances.

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.

SMART ENCOUNTER INFO:

STOP: DO NOT RUN.

RUNNING CAN TRIGGER A CHASE RESPONSE.

MAKE YOURSELF LOOK BIG.

ACT LIKE A BIGGER BEAR.

ANNOUNCE "HEY BEAR, GET OUT OF HERE". YOUR VOICE

IDENTIFIES YOU AS HUMAN. MAKE NOISE. AIRHORNS REALLY WORK!

RETREAT: BACK AWAY SLOWLY.

TELL OTHERS IN THE AREA OF THE BEAR PRESENCE.



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.