



Important Things to Consider When Installing a Bear Box (Wildlife Resistant Garbage Can Enclosure)

For more information, contact one of the bear box companies listed, call Waste Not at (775) 832-1284 or visit www.stashyourtrash.org.

Experts agree the bears will be in our area as long as there is an easy to obtain source of food, and garbage qualifies as a prime food source in the mind of a bear. Wooden Bear Boxes simply do not work. The bears are capable of tearing these boxes apart to get to garbage. So far, storage in garages has been effective in the Incline/Crystal Bay area. However, this places the trash (food source) in your home. Bears have the ability to enter garages and homes for food!

Metal bear boxes have proven to be a very effective method for containing residential trash from wildlife. If you are considering installing a metal, permanent bear box, here are some things to keep in mind:



The work of a smart, strong and hungry bear

► **Size:** Choose the right size box. All your putrescible trash (food waste and non-recyclable packaging) *must* fit in the box easily, for it to be effective. Boxes come in sizes to fit from 1 to 3 (32 gallon) cans.

► **Location:** The container *must* be placed on private property. The ideal location generally is 10 to 20 feet from the edge of pavement (curb), with easy access for trash collection service. Boxes cannot be located over utility service easements, nor in the public right-of-way.

Right of way: In Incline/Crystal Bay, the public right-of-way varies from 3 to 30 or more feet, so, you must be certain the box is located on your own property. A revocable encroachment permit is available from Washoe County for problem locations.

Help with siting a box: In Incline/Crystal Bay, Waste Not (775-832-1284), Washoe County Roads Department (775-832-4125) and Waste Management (775-831-2971) can provide assistance in the site location for your box. Local vendors of the boxes will also assist homeowners in box placement selection.

► **Serviceability:** Locations further than 20 feet from the edge of pavement (curb) are subject to an additional \$10 a month house service fee from Waste Management. Boxes must be cleared of vehicles and snow in winter. Waste Management has the right to refuse to collect from a location which is inaccessible.



Bear Boxes are Available for Purchase from:

Bear Guard Co. — (530) 581-2211
Tahoe Bear Box Co. — (530) 546-3154
Carson Valley Welding — (775) 884-9353
Baker Bear Bins — (530) 587-1374
Swigard's Hardware — (530) 583-3738 (Many models to look at on site)
Garbage Safe — (209) 464-4614
Brown Bear — (530) 587-2895
Beary-Go-Round — (530) 525-1914
IVGID does not endorse any particular manufacturer.

If you really have no place to install a box, consider purchasing a 'Bear Saver' 96-gallon rolling tote. Call Tahoe Bear Box for more information on this option. (*Service of totes is limited in some areas, please call Waste Not for more information*).

