



**South Tahoe Refuse
& Recycling Services**

BEAR BOX LOAN PROGRAM INSTRUCTION PACKET

Dear Homeowner:

South Tahoe Refuse is working with the South Lake Tahoe Waste Management Authority, JPA, City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, and Douglas County partners, to aid residential homeowners in obtaining Bear Boxes. The program has been developed to encourage the use of Bear Boxes which are key in reducing incidents of wildlife accessing household garbage. Your participation is greatly appreciated and encouraged!

Please keep in mind a few key points when considering participation in the Bear Box Loan Program:

- The use of Bear Boxes must be incorporated **with garbage cans, not instead of, they are not garbage receptacles.** City and county ordinances require trash to be in containers, such as cans with lids.
- This program is available to residential property **owners** only. Proof of ownership through current tax rolls is required at time of application.
- Only approved bear boxes can be installed (edcgov.us/government/EMD/bear enclosures).
- Installer must meet all requirements/ordinances for installation by City/County/STR standards.
- Payments for the Bear Box Loan Program must be made separately to STR and are NOT included with regular garbage service bills. Homeowners will receive a separate statement for the Bear Box Loan Program.
- **STR does not fix, maintain, or warranty bear boxes.** Bear boxes are the responsibility of the homeowner, and must be kept free of obstacles/snow/debris to allow for garbage collection service by STR employees.

Important Information

- **Participation in the loan program requires loan documents to be signed *before* payment can be made to your installer. Until loan papers are properly executed you are responsible for the purchase of your bear box and any outstanding balances with the installer.**
- **The bear box loan program will pay up to \$1200.00 to the installer; any amount above \$1200.00 is the responsibility of the home owner.**

The enclosed packet includes the loan application, step-by-step instructions for homeowners, and requirements for their installers when obtaining a Bear Box through this loan program.

To ensure processing of your application, please return the loan application, proof of ownership, and \$50 administration fee to:

**South Tahoe Refuse
ATTN: BEAR BOX PROGRAM
2140 Ruth Ave.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150**

Sincerely,

Jeanette Tillman
Bear Box Loan Program Administrator
jeanette@southtahoerefuse.com
(530) 542-8320

STEP 1: application – proof of ownership - \$50.00 fee

BEAR BOX LOAN APPLICATION FORM

DATE ___/___/___

Purpose of Loan: Purchase and installation of approved metal animal resistant garbage enclosure (Bear Box) for residential property located within the South Lake Tahoe area.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

APN: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Please attach a copy of the property tax bill for this property to verify ownership and \$50.00 check for a non-refundable administrative fee.

CO-APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Social Security #: _____ Phone #: _____

I/we hereby certify to the best of my/our knowledge that the information above is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Co-Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Amount Requested: \$_____,_____ Qualified Customer: ___ Yes ___ No



Bear Box Loan Program

Homeowner Responsibilities

Installer Responsibilities

1. Homeowner returns completed Bear Box loan application to South Tahoe Refuse (STR), with \$50 non-refundable deposit.
2. STR confirms Homeowner is eligible.
3. Homeowner selects a licensed California or Nevada contractor (Installer) to install a bear box from the approved list ([edcgov.us/government/EMD/bear enclosures](http://edcgov.us/government/EMD/bear%20enclosures)), provides total cost estimate.
4. Homeowner and Installer sign responsibilities sheet.
5. Homeowner signs loan documents, up to \$1,300, **including \$100** administrative fee.
6. STR provides electronic copy of signed documents to the Solid Waste Management Authority, up to 75 loans per year.
7. Installer performs installation in accordance with responsibilities on this sheet.
8. STR provides one reimbursement payment to Installer from invoice for up to \$1,200 upon completion of installation.
9. Homeowner pays Installer any amount in excess of \$1,200.
10. Homeowner repays loan/administrative fees via separate \$65 quarterly STR bill, as detailed in the Promissory Note, until paid in full.

1. Installer will ensure that the bear box is on El Dorado County's approved bear box list.
2. Installer will obtain approval of bear box location on property from STR.
3. Installer will ensure the bear box is installed at approximately 10' from the roadway, with access for STR.
4. Installer shall ensure that the installation meets approved County/City standards and manufacturer specifications.
5. Installer will perform an Underground Service Alert prior to installation of the bear box to ensure that it does not obstruct, damage or affect any existing underground utilities.
6. **STR does not maintain, repair or warranty bear boxes.** Boxes must be kept clear and accessible for collection service.

Homeowner signature

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Installer signature

Print Name: _____

License #: _____

Date: _____

STR approved _____

Date: _____

Approved Bear Can Enclosure Vendors:

Baker Bear Bin
(530) 587-1374
dbakerbin@yahoo.com

GP Fabrication
Raymond Ghio
(209)464-4614
www.gpfab.com

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

Scotty's Hardware
Manufactured by No Bear Can
Brenda
(775) 884-9353
www.nobearcan.com/products

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

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

Sierra Paw Box
Manufactured by Paw Box/Rack-It
(530) 307-1140
www.sierrapawbox.com

Bear Saver
(800) 851-3887
sales@bearsaver.com



Additional information about approved enclosures can be found at:

edcgov.us/Government/EMD/SolidWaste/Approved_Bear_Resistant_Garbage_Can_Enclosures

Inclusion in the list assumes that the enclosures will be installed in accordance with the requirements of all regulatory agencies, including the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

It is further understood that any enclosures may be removed from this list if found to be inadequate.

This list is provided to assist homeowners. It does not infer any recommendation nor liability as to the manufacture or maintenance of the merchandise.

Enclosures should accommodate 32-gallon garbage containers.

For more information about the bear-resistant garbage can enclosure requirements or for information about how to add a new unit to the list of approved enclosures, contact El Dorado County Environmental Management in South Lake Tahoe at (530) 573-3450.