

# SOUTH LAKE TAHOE BASIN WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

South Lake Tahoe, California 96150

## PRESS RELEASE

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## **Bear Box Loan Program Approved**

**South Lake Tahoe, CA (March 31, 2017)** – The South Lake Tahoe Basin Waste Management Authority (JPA) approved a Bear Box Loan Program that will be administered by South Tahoe Refuse. The Bear Box Loan Program will allow homeowners to apply for a loan up to \$1,200 for a metal bear box. The loan payments will cover five years and be included in the homeowners South Tahoe Refuse bill.

At the November 4, 2016 JPA meeting, a resolution was approved which states that South Tahoe Refuse and Clean Tahoe advised of continuing problems caused by bears, dogs and other animals getting into, overturning and/or spreading garbage placed in garbage containers that are set out for weekly garbage collection service.

The JPA determined that the greater utilization of permanently placed Bear Boxes will help reduce the potential for public nuisance and potential health risks posed by bear and animal access to garbage containers, and will also enhance public safety by helping to reduce the potential interaction between humans and bears coming into developed areas to feed on garbage.

The Bear Box Loan Program will immediately launch on a pilot basis and end on June 30, 2017.

To apply for a Bear Box loan, a Homeowner shall pay a fee of \$50 to South Tahoe Refuse for processing the loan application. A Homeowner owning multiple properties may only apply for one Bear Box loan under this program. If a Homeowner's application is approved and the Homeowner proceeds with obtaining the loan, the Homeowner shall pay an additional administrative fee to South Tahoe Refuse of \$100 or, at the Homeowner's option; this \$100 administrative fee may be amortized in equal installments to be paid by Homeowner over the life of the loan.

Only Homeowners whose residences are within the Authority's boundaries will be eligible for loans. Homeowners must be current in their bills from STR and shall not be delinquent in payment of their real property taxes.

To enroll in the Bear Box Loan Program, contact South Tahoe Refuse at (530) 541-5105.

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## *Bear Box Loan Program Summary*

### *South Lake Tahoe Basin Waste Management Authority*

*This program is provided to residents to promote the peaceful co-existence between animals and humans in our community by reducing interactions that are harmful to our wildlife and to our neighborhoods and that can affect public health and safety.*

1. Contact South Tahoe Refuse (STR) to apply for a bear box loan, pay \$50 non-refundable deposit. 530-541-5105, 2140 Ruth Ave., South Lake Tahoe CA 96150
2. Provide copy of property tax bill to verify ownership; be current on garbage bill.
3. Select a licensed California or Nevada contractor to install a bear box from the approved list ([edcgov.us/government/EMD/bear enclosures](http://edcgov.us/government/EMD/bear%20enclosures)).
4. Sign loan documents, of up to \$1,300 including \$100 administrative fee, and summary sheet.
5. Installer performs installation in accordance with responsibilities below.
6. STR pays Installer from one invoice for up to \$1,200 upon completion of installation.
7. Homeowner pays Installer any amount in excess of \$1,200.
8. Homeowner repays loan, including any remaining administrative fees, via separate \$65 quarterly STR bill until paid in full, as detailed in the Loan Promissory Note.

#### Your Installer's responsibilities:

1. Sign responsibilities sheet.
2. Ensure that the bear box is on El Dorado County's approved bear box list.
3. Obtain approval of bear box location on property from STR, at approximately 10' from the roadway, with unobstructed access for STR.
4. Ensure that the bear box installation meets approved County/City standards.
5. 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.



## Approved Bear Resistant Garbage Can Enclosure Vendors

<p><b>Baker Bear Bin</b>                  Dave Baker                  (530) 587-1374  <a href="mailto:bakerbin@yahoo.com">bakerbin@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Bear Box by McCain</b>                  McCain, Inc.                  2365 Oak Ridge Way                  Vista, CA 92081                  (760) 734-5000                  (760) 443-6621 Cell  <a href="mailto:info@mccainbearbox.com">info@mccainbearbox.com</a></p>	<p><b>Bear Guard</b>                  (530) 58-2211  <a href="http://www.bearguardinfo.com">www.bearguardinfo.com</a></p>
<p><b>Brown Bear</b>                  (530) 587-2895  <a href="http://www.brownbearhomecare.com">www.brownbearhomecare.com</a></p>	<p><b>GP Fabrication</b>                  Garbage Safe                  Raymond Ghio  <a href="http://www.gpfab.com">www.gpfab.com</a>                  (209) 464-4614</p>	<p><b>No Bear Can</b>                  Purchase at Scotty's Hardware,                  Meeks Lumber, Nel's Hardware                  or manufacture: (775) 884-9353  <a href="http://www.nobearcan.com/products.html">http://www.nobearcan.com/products.html</a></p>
<p><b>PAW Boxes</b>                  (800) 445-7666</p>	<p><b>Tahoe Bear Box</b>                  PO Box 1345                  Carnelian Bay, CA 96140                  (530) 546-3154                  (530) 546-0662 Fax  <a href="http://www.bearbox.org">www.bearbox.org</a>  <a href="mailto:randy@bearbox.org">randy@bearbox.org</a></p>	

[edcgov.us/Government/EMD/SolidWaste/Approved\\_Bear\\_Resistant\\_Garbage\\_Can\\_Enclosures](http://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.

# Bear Box Loan Program

- ▶ New loan program to purchase Bear Box now available!
- ▶ Up to \$1,300!
- ▶ Repay loan at \$65 quarterly on STR bill
- ▶ Pre-approved vendors
- ▶ Available to California and Nevada residents in Lake Tahoe



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*Bear Box Loan Program offered by the South Lake Tahoe Basin Waste Management Authority*

**Contact South Tahoe Refuse to apply!**  
**(530) 541-5105**