Bear-Resistant Garbage Can Enclosures

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List of Approved Enclosures

- **Baker Bins™**
  Formerly known as Baycon
  Dave Baker, Baker Bins, 530-587-1374
  Post Office Box 9290, Truckee, CA 96162

- **`JP Enterprises**
  Jason Paul, (323) 868-5105
  South Lake Tahoe

- **`Bear Guard™**
  Lee Van, Bear Guard, 530-581-2211
  Post Office Box 89, Tahoe City, CA 96145
  www.bearguardinfo.com

- **Brown Bear™**
  Frank Brown, 530-587-2895
  12716 Northwoods Boulevard #4, Truckee, CA 96161
  www.brownbearhomecare.com

- **Tahoe Bear Box Company™**
  Bear Saver (see models RC E 230;RC E 130)
  Randy Stanaway, Tahoe Bear Box Company, 530-546-3154
  P.O. Box 1345, Carnelian Bay, CA 96140
  www.bearbox.org

- **Tahoe-Donner Garbage Safe™**
  Raymond Ghio, GP Fabrication, 209-464-4614
  4283 N. Wilson Way, Suite 27, Stockton, CA 95205

- **Carson Valley Welding**
  No Bear Can
  Donald Heldoorn, 775-884-9353
  1046 Mallory Way, Carson City, NV 89701
  www.nobearcan.com

- **TTSD Dumpster w/ Counter-Balance Lid**
  Bill Carollo, Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal, 530-583-7800
  Approval of this enclosure requires that the dumpster units and lids be properly installed and operated.

- **Integral Enclosure Design Option**
  See requirements on back side of this handout**.**

Inclusion in the list assumes that the enclosures will be installed in accordance with the requirements of other regulatory agencies, such as those of Placer County Department of Public Works and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. It is further understood that any enclosures may be removed from the list if found to be inadequate.

For more information about the bear-resistant enclosure requirement or for information about how to add a new unit to the list of approved enclosures, contact the Tahoe Environmental Health office at (530) 581-6240.

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Requirements for Integral Enclosure Design

A. Applicability

In order to utilize the integral enclosure design option:

1. The residence must be a member of a homeowner's association that provides educational information approved by the Bear League and provides 24-hour personnel for on-call security
2. The garbage collection service must agree to collect the garbage from the alternative proposed location

B. Integration of Pre-Manufactured Products

1. Environmental Health may approve integration of pre-manufactured enclosures into a parcel's garage or carport, provided the enclosures are:
   a. Found on the List of Approved Bear-Resistant Garbage Can Enclosures
   b. Clad in stone or metal to resist damage by bears
   c. Located to maximize separation between the enclosure and the living, especially food preparation, area of the residence. If Environmental Health determines that the distance between the integrated enclosure and food-preparation areas of the home is not sufficient, an unattached bear-resistant garbage can enclosure may be required to create a greater distance of separation (outside of road right-of-ways, snow storage easements, and setback areas).
2. Environmental Health may approve integration of pre-manufactured enclosures into a parcel's landscaping, provided the enclosures are:
   a. Found on the List of Approved Bear-Resistant Garbage Can Enclosures
   b. Located a minimum of 50 feet from the residence or, if not permitted by parcel constraints to achieve the 50 foot separation, located so as to maximize separation between enclosure and the living, especially food preparation, area of the residence

C. Architecturally Integrated Garbage Rooms

1. Environmental Health may approve architecturally integrated garbage rooms provided the enclosures:
   a. Are clad in stone, cement, metal, or other material that resists damage from attempts by bears to gain entry
   b. Do not contain windows
   c. Utilize metal doors and frames with year-round door knobs, and a secondary latch
   d. Are finished inside with sheetrock, inside weather-stripping, and a painted finish
   e. Built on a concrete slab
   f. Are located to maximize separation between the enclosure and the living, especially food preparation, area of the residence. If Environmental Health determines that the distance between the integrated enclosure and food-preparation areas of the home is not sufficient, an unattached bear-resistant garbage can enclosure may be required to create a greater distance of separation (outside of road right-of-ways, snow storage easements, and setback areas).
2. When architecturally integrated garbage rooms are utilized, garbage will be stored within the structure in sturdy, airtight containers with tight fitting lids