

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.