

Approved Bear-Resistant Trash Ordinances in Nevada

Since 2007 NDOW has been working with the Sierra Front Bear Working Group, a multijurisdictional ad-hoc group of staff from the various local governments in northern Nevada, who have been working together on nuisance bear issues including education, communication, response, enforcement, and urging their elected governing boards to adopt bear-resistant ordinances. As of October 2010, all those governments in the Sierra Front have adopted ordinances. Below is a summary of the details and contact information.

Local Government	Douglas County	Carson City	Washoe County Health District	Incline Village General Improvement District
<b>Ordinance Reference</b>	Douglas County Code 6.32.040	Carson City Municipal Code 7.01.060	NAC 0.40 Solid Waste Storage, Washoe County Health District.	IVGID Solid Waste Ordinance #1
<b>When Adopted</b>	Adopted 2007 by Douglas County Board of County Commissioners. Adopted in 2001 for Tahoe Townships.	Adopted Oct 2009 by Carson City Board of Supervisors.	Adopted Oct 2010 Washoe County District Board of Health	Adopted June 2008 by IVGID's Board
<b>Explanation of Ordinance</b>	A responsible party must not allow a bear to gain access to garbage. Containers, required after <b>2 violations within 2 yrs =bear gaining access.</b> - Reporting Name not required, Photos helpful but not required.	Bear-Proof Collection Bins, Containers, And Structures required after <b>2 violations within 2 yrs</b> =bear gaining access. Written complaints only (form online). - Reporting Name not required, Photos helpful but not required.	Wildlife Resistant Collection Bins required <b>after 2 violations within 1 yr or less</b> =animal gaining access. No fine, but citation. Will investigate trash complaints - Reporting Name required, Photos helpful but not required.	All Solid Waste must be kept free from pests and vermin, including but not limited to dogs, bears, Wildlife Violations <b>1 offense=fine plus required to get resistant container.</b> Fines raised to \$1,000 for 2nd and add'l offenses. 24 hour trash complaint hotline and response. Clean-up performed and billed to customer.
<b>Website to full ordinance text or entity.</b>	<b>See website:</b> <a href="http://dcnvda.org/userpages/CountyCodes.aspx">http://dcnvda.org/userpages/CountyCodes.aspx</a> .	<b>See website:</b> <a href="http://www.carson.org/In dex.aspx?page=2058">http://www.carson.org/In dex.aspx?page=2058</a> .	<b>See website:</b> <a href="http://www.washoecounty.us/repository/files/4/Animal-Proof-Containers-2011.pdf">http://www.washoecounty.us/repository/files/4/Animal-Proof-Containers-2011.pdf</a>	<b>See website:</b> <a href="http://www.ivgid.org/utilities_services/trash/contain">http://www.ivgid.org/utilities_services/trash/contain</a>
<b>Local Phone number for complaints</b>	To report people leaving out trash or feeding, <b>775-782-6214 or 775-783-6439</b>	To report people leaving out trash or feeding <b>775-887-2171 or 775-887-2310</b>	To report people leaving out trash, animals getting into trash, or animal feces - <b>775-328-2436</b> (24 hour line).	To report people leaving out trash/wildlife accessing/trash spill: <b>(775) 832-1221.</b>
<b>Local Department /Division Manager</b>	Code Enforcement Division - Jay Hoogestraat	Kevin McCoy-Animal Services and Code Enforcement	Jeanne Rucker-Supervisor, Health District - Solid Waste Mgmt	Joe Pomroy - Director of Public Works