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DUMPSTERS IN DANGER OF BEING REMOVED

The dumpsters at the District office are in danger of being removed. Unfortunately, some people either leave their garbage sitting outside the dumpsters or do not latch the dumpsters after putting their garbage in the dumpsters. As a result, our friendly, inquisitive, resident bears are making a mess of things and are getting habituated to human garbage as a food source. The end result for the bear is that he will be trapped and killed. District staff recently took a complaint about an individual who was coming into the District dumpster drop-off area, opening the dumpster and then returning with his vehicle filled with spectators with cameras to photograph the bears. The incident has been reported to authorities.

The dumpsters at the District office are among the last in the Tahoe area. Unfortunately, some people are aware of this fact and use the dumpster area as their own personal disposal site to get rid of not only their household garbage, but also inappropriate items such as: construction debris, unwanted home furnishings (mattresses, spa covers, used appliances), hazardous wastes (mainly batteries), motor oil and paints. See below for ways to dispose of hazardous waste.

Disposal of construction debris is a major problem. The District recently spent over \$500.00 to dispose of more than twenty (20) yards of construction debris which was dumped on the ground adjacent to the dumpsters over the weekend. The debris consisted of lumber, dry wall, appliances, concrete and other assorted material. The District had to order and pay for a special dumpster to remove the material. The clean-up also took away from other staff duties which had to be rescheduled! See photos of the mess below.





REMEMBER THE BEARS!!! LATCH THE DUMPSTERS!!! You can help by following all the rules every time you use the dumpsters. Be sure and latch the dumpsters after every use. If you see dumpsters that are not latched take a few extra minutes and latch them.

If you observe anyone using the dumpster that is not a resident of Alpine Meadows or anyone who is unloading prohibited material (a sign at the dumpster area lists the materials that are not acceptable), please note the license plate, time, date and description of the person(s) and the materials being deposited and call: Placer County Environmental Health Department at (530) 745-2300, Placer County Sheriff's Office at (530) 889-7500 or the District office at (530) 583-2342. As a reminder, the dumpsters are for household garbage only. No dumping of liquids of any sort, hazardous waste, appliances, furniture, horticultural debris, construction debris, dirt rocks, etc., is allowed. If in doubt, do not dump it. Instead, take it to Regional Landfill, located off Cabin Creek Road, between Tahoe City and Truckee.

The white recycle dumpster is for recyclables only. Recyclable items include: cardboard (boxes, cereal boxes, etc), paper (newspaper, stock paper, envelopes, magazines, phone books), plastics (1 thru 7), glass bottles (all colors), tin cans, and aluminum cans.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal has scheduled free household hazardous waste collection days at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill for the following Saturday dates:

September 22nd

October 6th

November 3rd

Appointments are necessary and space is limited. Please call Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal at (530) 583-0148 to schedule your appointment. The following items are accepted: Contaminated Motor Oil, Brake Fluid, Drain Opener, Pool Chemicals, Contaminated Gasoline, Solvents, Oven Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Automotive Chemicals, Insecticides, Rug Cleaner, Rubber Cement, Fluorescent lamps and bulbs*, Herbicides, Ammonia, Silver Polish, Household Batteries*, Pesticides, Chlorine Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Tub & Tile Cleaner, Poisons, Disinfectants, Toilet Cleaner, Aerosol Cans*.

* In addition to dropping these items off during a Household Hazardous Waste collection event, these items can be dropped off at the Recycling Facility at the Eastern Regional Landfill year–round for free recycling.

The following items will NOT be accepted: Explosives or Ammunition, Asbestos, Radioactive Materials, Gas Cylinders, Bio-hazards (Syringes in rigid plastic containers)

Customers are limited to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit. Tips for handling Household Hazardous Waste transport: Liquids should be transported in a spill-proof, leak-proof container. Keep hazardous products in their original containers with labels securely attached and readable. Store waste in a cool, dry place and out of the reach of children.

FREE CHIPPING PROGRAM

The North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) is once again offering a FREE chipping service. To take advantage of the program, call the NTFPD's "chipper hot line" at **530-546-4347**. Leave your name, address, phone number, the best time to return your call, and whether you would like the chips blown back onto your property or left in a pile on the edge of your property. Here are the rules: (1) Chipping will occur within approximately two weeks from the time of your call on a first-come-first-served basis. Priority will be given where multiple parcels are to be chipped. (2) All material to be chipped must be placed along the edge of the road with cut ends pointing towards the road. There is a 7" maximum diameter. (3) All materials chipped will be blown back onto the property to the left of the pile or left on the edge of the property. At the request of the homeowner, the chips will be hauled away.

FREE CONTRACTOR DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

You can get a <u>free</u> copy of the 2007 Contractor Directory by calling the Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe (CATT) (530) 550-9999 or emailing a request to: <u>info@ca-tt.com</u>. The Directory is published by CATT and includes more than 200 names of local builders, associated professionals, suppliers, and others involved with the construction industry in the Truckee/North Tahoe region. The Directory also includes helpful hints when hiring a contractor, articles about erosion control and woodstove rules, and building department contact information.

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