

Trash bin laws to deter bears not uniform in region

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Bear season is approaching its peak, and Washoe County will let another summer pass without a law controlling management of the trash responsible for worsening human-bear conflicts.



While a showcase ordinance does control how people handle their garbage at Lake Tahoe's Incline Village – nothing is on the books for many other bear-prone places in Washoe County, including Verdi, Washoe Valley, Sky Tavern, Galena and Caughlin Ranch.

“The lack of an ordinance in Washoe County is an exasperating problem,” said Carl Lackey, a biologist and bear expert with the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

“They're not helping the situation at all, they're really not,” Lackey said. “They need to deal with it.”

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