

Don't Let Holiday Cooking Plug Your Pipes!

When fats, oils and grease are dumped into household drains — it can cause costly sewer problems.



If you dump leftover food scraps, oils and grease down the drain, chances are you'll pay for it sooner or later. Grease causes sewer blockages and overflows that damage homes and threaten the environment. The best way to solve grease blockage problems is to keep fats, oils and grease out of the drain in the first place.

Here are some disposal tips:

- ♦ Scrape food scraps into the trash for disposal.
- ♦ Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids. Empty strainers into the trash.
- ♦ Do not put grease down garbage disposals.
- ♦ For small amounts of oil or grease, soak it up with paper towels and throw them in the trash.
- ♦ IVGID Waste Not accepts used vegetable oil in their HHW program for free. Call for info: (775) 832-1284.
- ♦ For moderate amounts from a pint to a gallon, you can use cat litter to solidify the grease or oil. Put the cat litter in a double-lined plastic bag and pour the grease into the bag. Be sure the liquids cool, and there is no free liquid before tying the bag shut. Place in household trash.
- ♦ Bears love grease, so make sure you properly store the trash until collected.

If you have any questions — please call the IVGID Compliance Department at (775) 832-1224.

Winter Bear Awareness

It's a common misconception that Tahoe's Black Bears go into hibernation once the weather turns cold. Tahoe bears can remain quite active throughout the winter. They will go into long sleep sessions in their den (sometimes under a building!) but they will wake up and actively search for food during milder weather. Please take the following precautions with food and trash storage, year-round.



- ♦ Always lock the dumpster!
- ♦ Do not place food or trash outside unless in a wildlife resistant trash container.
- ♦ Place trash curbside only after 5 am, preferably exactly at 7 am, on service day.
- ♦ Leaving before pick-up day? Residents may drop-off 2 bags of trash for free 7 days a week, at the Incline Transfer Station. Call (775) 831-2971 for details.

Director's Corner

Lately, bio-diesel production has spurred a lot of new research and development in the United States. One of the most innovative methods involves using algae to produce bio-diesel using wastewater. Algae can be grown in wastewater using the available food and nutrients for growth and providing treatment of the wastewater at the same time. The Department of Energy estimates energy yield from algae is up to 30 times greater than land based crops. Producing algae based bio-diesel using wastewater won't be replacing petroleum diesel anytime soon, according to Kansas State University Professor, Peter Pfomm. Research indicates it would take 11 square miles to produce 50 million gallons of diesel a year, or about 0.1% of our domestic consumption. To replace all of our domestic diesel consumption, we would need a pond the size of Maryland treating the nation's wastewater with algae. It's a viable idea on a small scale. With improved yields, maybe wastewater will one day fuel your vehicle!

- Joe Pomroy, Director of Public Works

♦ Waste Management will provide normal trash and recycling collection on all upcoming holidays.

- ♦ The Incline Transfer Station will be closed on Dec. 25; Jan. 1.
- ♦ Waste Management's Incline office will be closed: Weds. Nov. 23 @ noon; Thurs. Nov. 24; Fri. Nov. 25; Mon. Dec. 26.
- ♦ The IVGID Public Works Office will be closed on Thurs. Nov. 24, Fri. Nov. 25, Mon., Dec. 26.
- ♦ **The 2012 schedule for Recycling Curbside Service is enclosed. It is also posted online at: www.ivgid.org/conservation.**

Still want to offer comment on the Yard Waste Recycling Program?

Take our quick, on-line survey!
<http://www.yourtahoepace.com/survey>
Survey will be open through Dec. 2, 2011.



IVGID & NLTFPD's CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM will open at Preston Field starting Dec. 23, 2011

OTHER NEWS



CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

2011-2012 - IVGID SENIOR PROGRAM SURVEY

Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) invites you to complete the 2011-2012 IVGID Senior Program Survey. During November, IVGID will be conducting a survey of Incline Village/Crystal Bay residents, age 55+ to gather information to ensure the programs offered in our community meet the ever changing needs of Incline Village/Crystal Bay seniors. The survey will be offered online, as a "cut out" in the Bonanza and at select locations throughout the community. Complete a survey throughout the month of November either on-line or by visiting one of the following Survey Stations.

SURVEY STATION LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

Incline Village Recreation Center
IVGID Administration (893 Southwood)
IVGID Public Works (1220 Sweetwater)
The DWR Center (Parasol Building)
The Bonanza Building
Incline Village Library
Starbucks
Art's
Sierra Pharmacy
Raley's Pharmacy
LabCorps
All IVGID Senior Program venues



ONLINE SURVEY SITES INCLUDE:

www.inclineseniors.com / www.inclinerecreation.com

Completed surveys can also be deposited at the 24 hour utility payment drop-off box located at the IVGID Administration office at 893 Southwood.

WASHOE COUNTY—SNOW PARKING ORDINANCE

Washoe County enforces its Snow Parking Ordinance (No. 70 425) which prohibits any parking within any designated snow area between November 1st and May 1st on a RED day.

A **RED DAY** is declared when there is a chance of snow in the forecast or if snow removal equipment may be operating.

A **GREEN DAY** is declared when there is no chance of snow in the forecast and snow removal equipment is not operating.

How do you know if it's a RED or GREEN day?
Call the 24-hour hotline at (775) 833-5555.

Questions? Please contact the Washoe County Roads Department at (775) 832-4125. Washoe County greatly appreciates your cooperation in helping keep roads safe and clear during the winter.

Diamond Peak is scheduled to open December 15 (conditions permitting)



Community Appreciation Day is December 15th

We invite anyone who lives within a 50 mile radius of Diamond Peak to purchase \$25 all-day lift tickets. Must show proof of residency.

Pass Holder Appreciation Day on December 15

We would like to show our appreciation by offering DP passholders a free BBQ lunch on December 15. Check in at our table in the Base Lodge, from 11 am to 1 pm for your free coupon.

Santa Visits Diamond Peak

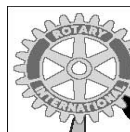
Santa will be at Diamond Peak from 11am to 1pm on December 23, 24 and 25.

Ski for as little as \$35 a day

Buy a mini-pass and save money. You can purchase 2, 3, 5 or 7 days. Each time you ski 1 day is subtracted from the card. A Mini Pass is a great gift for friends or family plus it's transferable, so you and your friends can use it! This pass gives you direct lift access. Go to www.diamondpeak.com for details.

Tahoe-Incline Rotary Club's Annual

Christmas Tree Sale

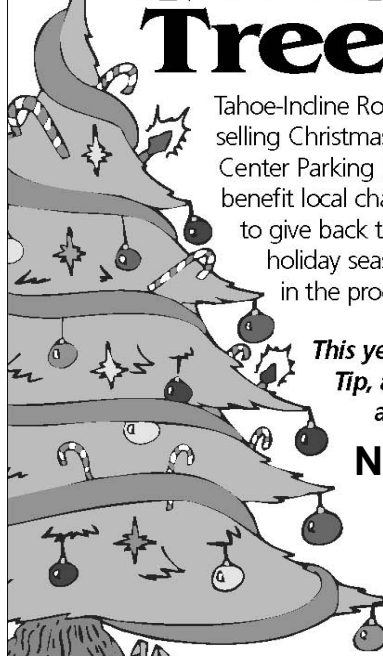


Tahoe-Incline Rotary Club will once again be selling Christmas Trees at the Raley's Shopping Center Parking lot. All the proceeds will benefit local charities. This is a great chance to give back to the community during the holiday season and receive a nice tree in the process.

This year we have Grand Firs, Silver Tip, and Noble Fir trees, wreaths and christmas tree stands.

**Nov. 25 — Dec. 23
Hours: 12-6**

100% of proceeds will go to benefit local charities.



IVGID has included this information as a public service announcement. IVGID has no formal role in this event.