

## Community Focus Statement F: Improve resources to support seasonal visitors and tourist activities in the Lake Arrowhead communities.

**Action Statement F.1: Provide dumpsters and signage that encourages proper disposal of trash in high-traffic visitor areas.**

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**Benchmark:** A volunteer citizen’s waste management advisory committee has leadership, meets regularly, and continues to function and promote proper waste management for a period of at least three years.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$300–\$20,000



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A high number of visitors means that large quantities of solid waste must be disposed of in a safe and cost effective way. Many of the San Bernardino mountain communities with seasonal and tourist industries are experiencing issues with illegal dumping of household refuse, particularly in areas with high visitation and limited or infrequent waste pickup services. By making disposal of refuse more accessible, the Lake Arrowhead communities can promote proper waste disposal through an increase in the number of trash receptacles and well-placed visible signage.

For areas with heavy visitation such as forest and winter recreation sites, trash collection can become more centrally located with the addition of large dumpsters and roll-offs that can hold larger quantities of refuse away from areas where visitors stay. Interested community groups and members can work together with the local waste management provider and the County to assess the location of community drop-off sites and the placement of additional trash/recycling bins. By locating the containers away from campground areas, there are less problems with animals drawn by the smell of decomposing food waste. Having the collection area away from campground areas means less disruption from vehicles collecting trash in campgrounds. A collection location spot should provide easy visitor access such as a pull-off site or a pull-through facility or an extra widening in the road away from traffic. The volume of refuse generated at recreation sites can determine the size, number, and location of dumpster containers.

Visibility and well-placed signage are also critical for ease of visitor use. Information regarding refuse collection can be added to a site information handout or can be placed on information signs located throughout the community. A “No Dumping” campaign can raise awareness among tourists, with a focus on calling attention to environmental

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issues and providing practical tips on preventing waste while visiting the area. Educational pamphlets delivered to residences and readily available at local businesses can be effective in preventing dumping and creating awareness of local waste management ordinances.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Contact community service organizations and residents to organize a volunteer citizens waste management advisory committee.	Champion with Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, with support from community service organizations, residents	Month 1	Burrtec, Lake Arrowhead San Bernardino County <a href="http://www.burrtec.com/lake-arrowhead-san-bernardino-county">http://www.burrtec.com/lake-arrowhead-san-bernardino-county</a>
2. Select a leader to serve as chair who will provide leadership and champion the committee.	Waste management advisory committee	Month 2	Community Cleanup Guide <a href="http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/neighborhood_cleanup_guide_2012.pdf">http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/neighborhood_cleanup_guide_2012.pdf</a>
3. Work with the community to develop a list of goals and strategies/actions to promote proper waste management, and identify high-traffic areas where additional trash/recycling receptacles are needed.	Waste management advisory committee, with support from local waste management provider, Lake Arrowhead Community Services District	Months 2-3	Conducting a cleanup campaign <a href="http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF931.pdf">http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF931.pdf</a>
4. Organize outreach and cleanup events and community-wide and tourist-oriented communications to promote proper waste management and provided local services (residential, commercial, construction and demolition, recycling, and special events).	Waste management advisory committee, with support from Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, local waste management provider	Month 4-on-going	Steps for organizing neighborhood cleanup with links to additional resources <a href="http://www.bbcleaningservice.com/organizing-neighborhood-cleanup.html">http://www.bbcleaningservice.com/organizing-neighborhood-cleanup.html</a>
5. Work with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Management and Burrtec Waste Industries (Mountain Disposal Services) to create community drop-offs and install additional trash/recycling receptacles and signage in high-traffic/tourist areas.	Waste management advisory committee, with support from Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, local waste management provider	Month 5-on-going	CalRecycle, Community Cleanups: Models for Local Government Recycling and Waste Reduction  Keep America Beautiful <a href="https://www.kab.org/">https://www.kab.org/</a>  Waste management education posters <a href="http://www.stopwaste.org/resource-library/type/posters">http://www.stopwaste.org/resource-library/type/posters</a>