

Protecting Our Lagoons & Lake Tahoe

Notice to Tahoe Keys Guests, Tenants, and Contractors

As property owners in the Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association (TKPOA), we have the responsibility to protect the water quality and natural environment within our community and the Lake Tahoe Basin. TKPOA property owners are responsible for the actions of their guests, tenants, and contractors within the Tahoe Keys. Property owner responsibilities and liabilities are specified in both the CC&Rs, which are incorporated into our deeds, and by law.

One of our greatest challenges is educating guests, tenants and contractors regarding prohibited activities. TKPOA property owners who rent or loan their properties face the added complexity of having many newcomers using their property each year in addition on relying on a variety of contractors to maintain their property. The following list should be given to all guests, tenants, property management agencies, and contractors at Tahoe Keys properties.

The actions to prevent impacting water quality of the Tahoe Keys lagoons and Lake Tahoe are:

Never pollute the lagoons or lake water. Examples of acts that create water pollution are:

- Throwing, dumping or placing into the lagoons any foreign materials, landscape trimmings, building materials, trash & litter, paints or any other chemicals.
- Spilling fuel while refueling
- Pumping boat bilge water or sanitary waste overboard
- Draining hot tubs or spas
- Washing cars and boats with detergents or other chemicals (Note: The term "bio-degradable" on some products doesn't mean it is safe to place in the water...please check before using!)

Never dump, or release any non-native plant, animal, or fish in the Tahoe Keys Lagoons Non-native species can take up residence in the lagoons and cause great harm to the natural environment and the water quality. Control of invasive species is expensive.

Never dig into, excavate, modify or disturb lagoon banks. All of these activities require formal approval from the Architectural Control Committee, and in some cases, other agencies. This includes throwing rocks into the lagoons, they are placed there to prevent bank erosion, which is very expensive to fix and the cost will be borne by the property owner.

Never dump or allow any pesticide, fertilizer, soap, or any other chemical into street gutters and/or storm drains. These substances enter the storm drains which lead directly to the lagoons, then to Lake Tahoe.

- Only use zero phosphorous fertilizers at recommended application rates
- Limit irrigation to three times per week to avoid overwatering and runoff to storm drains or lagoons.

Important: Always report your concerns about water polluting activities to the TKPOA Security Department as soon as possible at (530-545-0847). Property owners must report water-polluting activities conducted upon their lots by guests, tenants, or contractors.

If you have questions, contact the TKPOA office AT (530-542-6244). Thank you!