

Where To Dispose Of Your Monofilament Line

Many communities have monofilament recycling bins at bait and tackle shops, boat ramps, marinas, fishing piers, bridges, and at beach access roads.



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You can also recycle on your own by sending all monofilament line to:
 Berkley Recycling Collection Center
 1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360-1099
 1-800-BERKLEY

How To Report Dumping Of Marine Debris

Call the U.S. Coast Guard at 1-800-424-8802, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922), or your local sheriff's office.



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Learn More!

To become involved in special cleanup events or to start a monofilament recycling project in your area, contact the Division of Marine Fisheries, 2590 Executive Center Circle E, Suite 204, Tallahassee, FL 32301
www.marinefisheries.org



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Spread the word about monofilament recycling!



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The Future Of Fishing Depends On A Clean Environment And That Depends On You!

The Problem

Discarded monofilament fishing line is hazardous to everyone and everything. Every year it causes injury and death to many kinds of marine wildlife. Animals



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may swallow fishing line, resulting in illness or death. Wildlife may also become entangled, drown, starve, or lose a limb. Fishing line is not just a problem for wildlife; it

can also be a threat to divers and boaters. Divers can drown if they become entangled. Entangled propellers may result in costly repairs. It is illegal to improperly discard fishing line.

The Facts

- From 1980–1999, one in every five manatee rescues was a result of entanglement in monofilament.
- From 1996–2000 (5 years), 163 turtles were found entangled in monofilament line.
- Between 1995–2000, approximately 35 dolphins in the Southeast U.S. died as a result of monofilament-related injuries.
- Researchers have documented over 60 species of fish that have been entangled in or swallowed marine debris.
- During 1999–2000, over 265 seabirds of various species were rescued as a result of hook and line entanglements. Of those 265 seabirds, 92 died.

What Can You Do?

- Don't leave your line behind. If you have unwanted line, store it safely and securely until it can be placed in a recycling receptacle.
- Never leave fishing line unattended.
- Cast with care! Survey the area before you cast your line to avoid trees, utility lines, bridges, reefs, wildlife, and other anglers.
- If your line gets snagged or should break, make every effort to safely retrieve it.
- Collect discarded line, debris and other abandoned fishing gear when encountered.
- Do not feed wildlife as it encourages animals to approach fishing boats and anglers.
- Participate in a monofilament recycling program and/or local cleanup efforts.
- Obtain and adopt a recycling bin for your favorite fishing/boating area.
- Practice and develop your skills so gear is not lost.



How To Help Entangled Animals

Report all entangled marine wildlife to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922). Report all entangled land animals or birds to your local rehabilitation hospital. Do not attempt to disentangle animals as it may result in injury to yourself and/or the animal.



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