

Fishing Line Recycling in Collier County



Nylon monofilament fishing line, developed in the 1930's revolutionized the fishing industry. It is strong, lightweight and nearly invisible underwater. These same characteristics that make it popular with anglers also **make it lethal to wildlife when left in the environment**. In fact, monofilament fishing line is non-biodegradable and can take over 600 years to break down. Marine life including dolphins, sea turtles, manatees and birds can mistakenly ingest it or become entangled in it resulting in permanent injury or death. Discarded line can also serve as a hazard to boaters, divers, and fishermen.

What is the Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program?

The Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program (MRRP) is a statewide effort to educate the public on the problems caused by discarded fishing line. The program's goals are to decrease the amount of fishing line left in the environment through a network of recycling bins and drop-off locations, and increase the amount of monofilament line being recycled. To learn more about the program visit the program's website at: <http://www.fishinglinerecycling.org/index.asp>

How does the MRRP work?

1. Anglers place their used line in outdoor PVC recycling containers at boat ramps, fishing piers, and other fishing locations, or drop it off at indoor drop-off locations at tackle shops or other designated locations.
2. Volunteers collect the used line from the outside PVC containers, remove any debris and/or lures from it and clean the line as well.
3. The cleaned line is taken to designated indoor recycling boxes at local tackle shops.
4. Collected line is sent to Pure Fishing, the parent company of Berkley Fishing in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Line is melted down into small plastic pellets, which are then used to make new plastic fishing-related products such as tackle boxes, spools for line, and freshwater artificial fish habitats.

Curbside Recycling will NOT accept Fishing Line!

Can all types of fishing line be recycled?

Only fishing line that is single filament, nylon product can be recycled. Braided or wire fishing line cannot. Fishing line with excess growth on it cannot be recycled either. This is why it is important to remove any hooks, lures, sinkers and/or debris before recycling your line

Is it Ok to throw away fishing Line?

Throwing away fishing line also keeps line out of the environment, but make sure to cut it up into small pieces less than 12 inches and place it in a secured container so scavengers do not get into it and bring it back into the environment.



Where can I recycle my fishing line in Collier County?

Several outdoor recycling bins and indoor drop-off locations are available in the County*

* List updated as of April 21, 2009

Outdoor Fishing Line Recycle Bin Locations:

- Barefoot Beach Preserve (2)
- Bonita Shores Private Boat Ramp
- Cocohatchee Nature Center
- Cocohatchee River Park Boat Ramp
- Delnor Wiggins State Park (2)
- Clam Pass Canoe Launch
- Naples Pier (2)
- Naples City Dock
- Naples City Boat Ramp
- Extreme Rentals-Bayfront Inn
- Bayview Park Boat Ramp
- Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club
- Collier Blvd Boat Ramp
- Shell Island Monument
- Isles of Capri Culvert
- S.S. Jolley Bridge (2)
- Tigertail Beach(lagoon side)
- Cedar Bay Yacht Club
- Marco River Marina
- Caxambas Pass Boat Ramp
- Calusa Yacht Club
- Walkers Coon Marina
- Collier Seminole State Park
- Port of the Island Marina
- Choceloskee Island Park
- Glades Haven Resort
- Outdoor Resorts
- Parkway Marina
- Everglades National Park Visitor Center

Indoor Fishing Line Drop-Off Locations:

- Sunshine Ace Hardware Stores (Naples, E. Tamiami, Golden Gate, and Marco Island)
- West Marine Stores (on N. Collier and E. Tamiami Trail)
- Anglers Answer Tackle Shop
- Rookery Bay NERR

How can I help?

The MRRP would not be successful without anglers who make a conscious effort to keep our waterways tangle-free.

- Safely retrieve any line that gets caught up on trees, pilings, or other structures.
- Make sure knots are tied correctly and line is in good shape before and during fishing
- Properly secure any loose line or other debris, no matter how small, until it can be probably disposed of; consider installing a personal-sized fishing line recycle on your boat or dock.
- Pick up any discarded line you come across even if it is not yours
- Tell others about the importance of recycling fishing line
- Participate in organized clean up events that promote the removal of discarded fishing line



Help Expand the MRRP in Collier County!

If you know of a location that could use an outdoor or indoor fishing line recycle bin, would like to become a volunteer, or are interested in receiving more information about the MRRP program in Collier County, contact Bryan Fluech, Collier County Sea Grant Extension Agent at (239) 417-6310 x204 or Fluech@ufl.edu

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