



DID YOU KNOW...?

Monofilament fishing line lasts about 600 years in the marine environment



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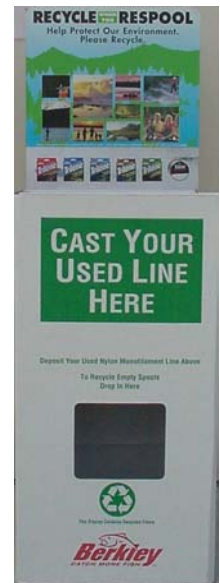
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Used Fishing Line

--is harmful to wildlife and boat motors, but can be RECYCLED



Frequently asked questions

What is monofilament?

Most fishing line used today is monofilament--a strong, flexible plastic fishing line (which is manufactured as a single strand)

I throw my fishing line in the garbage--is that OK?

Even line that is thrown in the garbage may end up in the environment—birds, small mammals or even wind can pull it out of the garbage can or landfill. If you throw fishing line away, it is best to cut it into short pieces (less than 12" long) first.

The line I use becomes brittle after a week in the sun—how can it be an environmental problem?

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause fishing line to become brittle and break easily. However, UV rays cannot penetrate very far in the water, so line that is underwater or in the shade will not be broken down by UV.

How is monofilament harmful?

Birds and animals cannot see the line, so it is easy for them to become tangled in it. Then they may starve, drown or lose a limb. Some animals accidentally eat fishing line and cannot digest it. Line can wrap around boat propellers causing damage.

How can I recycle my used fishing line?

Look for outdoor (PVC) recycling containers at boat ramps, fishing piers, parks, etc. Ask your local tackle shop if they recycle fishing line. If not, encourage them to call (877) 777-3850 ext. 8419 and ask for a free, postage paid monofilament recycling box.

What happens to fishing line that is put in the outdoor collection bins?

The line is collected (often by volunteers) and is taken to a store that has a monofilament recycling box. The recycling boxes are shipped off for recycling when full.

How is fishing line recycled?

The used line is chopped up, melted and used to manufacture small plastic pellets, which are then used in the manufacture of new plastic fishing-related products (like tackle boxes and freshwater artificial fish habitats).

Who does the recycling?

Pure Fishing, the parent company of Berkley, in Spirit Lake, Iowa is currently the only place that recycles used fishing line. Fishing line cannot be recycled in curbside bins.