



## South Carolina's Monofilament Recycling Program

- **What is monofilament?**

Monofilament is fishing line. It is typically a single strand, strong, flexible plastic that is clear or tinted with a variety of colors.

- **Why should we recycle monofilament?**

Monofilament is harmful to wildlife and a nuisance to boaters when left in the environment. By recycling monofilament we can keep it out of the environment and out of our landfills.

- **How are animals affected ?**

Many types of animals can become entangled in line, which causes injuries as well as starvation and the inability to escape prey. Also, line is sometimes mistaken for food or ingested along with food.

For example, one sea turtle was found washed ashore with 590 feet of monofilament line in its gut.



- **How are we affected ?**

Monofilament can become wrapped around propellers or other boat parts, creating an unsafe and expensive problem. Also, swimmers and SCUBA divers can become entangled as easily as a marine animal. In several cases, entangled divers have been unable to free themselves.

- **What can I do to help?**

The Monofilament Recycling Program is looking for volunteers to adopt and construct recycling bins.

- Find a suitable location for the recycling bin
- Check the bin regularly and remove monofilament
- Join DNR and Palmetto Pride assembly party to help construct these bins



To get started as a volunteer, to find a bin near you, or to suggest a bin location, contact:  
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