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CLEAN MARINE

KEEP OUR WATERWAYS LITTER-FREE



Marine litter kills and injures many thousands of marine species each year including turtles, whales, dolphins, seabirds, dugongs, seals, sharks and rays.

LITTER HURTS WILDLIFE



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TAKE ACTION ON LITTER IN AND AROUND OUR OCEANS AND RIVERS

Many marine animals become entangled in fishing line and nets and are injured or drown. Floating plastic, including drink containers and bait bags, poses the biggest threat because it does not biodegrade. Rather, plastic breaks down into smaller and smaller particles, which are often ingested by marine animals causing them to become sick or die from starvation.



WHEN YOU ARE FISHING

- Leave no litter, dispose of rubbish thoughtfully and use a bin or take it home.
- Avoid disposables, pack food in reusable containers and buy products without plastic wrapping.



ON THE BOAT

- Stow your rubbish where it can't be washed or blown away and bring all waste and litter back to shore to dispose of properly.

IF YOU SMOKE

- Bin your butt as cigarette filters are made of plastic, put your butts in a personal ashtray or bin and never into the water.

AT HOME AND OUT AND ABOUT

- Dispose of waste properly and never allow toxic chemicals like paint, fertilisers, pesticides and oils to enter the stormwater system (your Council can assist you with correct disposal).
- Carry a litter bag if you walk at the beach to pick up litter.
- Pick up after your dog using a scoop bag and dispose properly.
- Never drop litter in the streets or from a vehicle – always use a bin or keep a litter bag in your vehicle.

For more information about creating a clean marine environment visit:

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