

GREEN YOUR BOATING ROUTINE!



As a boating enthusiast, you love to be on the water and interact with the marine environment. So why not make sure you're doing your part to keep our waterways clean and healthy?

Some of the greatest threats to our natural resources come from things we do out of habit. Trash, discarded fishing line and plastic bags in the water are harmful to wildlife and impact recreational activities.

Fortunately, there are simple things you can do to protect our marine environment. Start by taking advantage of the City of Fort Lauderdale's recycling program and use the monofilament and recycling containers located at the City's marinas and boat ramps. Next, make a pledge to green your boating routine by doing the following:

STOW INSTEAD OF THROW

Properly stow all loose items on your boat and bring all of your trash back to shore. Separate trash for easy recycling or disposal. Never throw any trash into the ocean.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Purchase reusable products and containers, and recycle your glass, aluminum, plastic and paper in marked containers at the City's marinas and boat ramps. Pack items in reusable shopping bags rather than plastic bags.





PROTECT MARINE LIFE

Recycle used monofilament fishing line in containers provided at all City marinas and boat ramps. Every year, hundreds of thousands of birds, sea turtles and marine wildlife are killed because they get entangled in fishing line or eat plastics they mistake for food.



Photo courtesy of IBRRC

PICK UP LITTER

Pick up litter you see in the water or along a shoreline. If every boater picked up just one piece of litter per weekend, the boating community could potentially remove millions of items from our waterways and beaches. Also, volunteer to participate in local waterway and beach cleanup events. It's another great way to do your part.



PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

Properly dispose of items such as used oil, chemicals, paints, batteries, etc. Many of the cleaning and maintenance products boaters use are considered hazardous waste and should be discarded in an

environmentally responsible manner to protect the marine environment.

Waste oil disposal and sewage pump out services are available to boaters at the New River/Downtown Docking, Las Olas Docks and Cooley's Landing Marine facilities. For more information about marina services, call 954-828-5423.

Other hazardous waste should be disposed of at one of Broward County's household hazardous waste drop-off locations. For more information about drop-off locations, call 954-765-4999 or visit www.broward.org/waste.



City of Fort Lauderdale Recycling Office
www.fortlauderdale.gov/recycle
954-828-8000



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