## **Tackling Trash When Fishing**

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- 1 Pack all your food and beverages in reusable bags or containers to prevent accidental littering.
- **Bring water in a reusable water bottle** instead of using disposable plastic bottles. If you are using any disposable cans or bottles, place these items in the recycling bin. Make sure to rinse and dry them first.
- Watch where you cast to avoid snagging your line. If your line snags or breaks off, remember to remove from the environment and properly dispose of in a trash container. Remove any fishing line you find (yours or others) as it is the number one litter item entangling fish and wildlife in Ohio.
- **4** Use fishing line recycling bins when available. Only place fishing line in these bins. Do not put your trash in them.
- **5** Lures, hooks, soft plastic baits, and lead weights are all harmful to the environment if left behind. When no longer useable, dispose of in a trash bin.
- **6** Dispose of unwanted bait, packing materials, and containers in the trash do not dump them in the water or on land.
- Pick up any trash you see and dispose of it in a trash bin. Be careful if picking up sharp items like fishing lures. Make sure to place sharp items in a sturdy container before disposing of them in the trash bin.
- **8** Bring a bag or container with you to hold any trash you create such as the small pieces of line you trim when tying knots and leaders. Dispose of in a trash bin.
- **9** When fishing from a boat, tie down items or store them properly when underway to prevent accidental littering.
- **10** Educate others so we can keep our favorite fishing spots trash free!





