

HOW TO SET UP A MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE RECYCLING PROGRAM WHERE TO GET RESOURCES FOR YOUR RECYCLING PROGRAM

With over 850,000 fresh and saltwater anglers in Virginia, recycling monofilament fishing line helps protect wildlife and prevents entanglements with boats and divers. Properly dispensed line can be turned into useful products. Volunteers from various organizations maintain the containers and properly dispose of the line for recycling.

Let's Get Started:

- **Bin Location:** Talk with organizations such as anglers or boating clubs, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Boy and Girl Scout Troops or marinas that have started fishing line recycling programs. Understand what permissions are necessary from the bin host (marina, park, fishing pier, etc.) what time commitment is necessary and how often regular line collection should be scheduled. The host location of your recycling bin should also be given one or two contact names and phone numbers should there be any problems or concerns.

- **Building a Bin:** Instructions on how to build a recycling bin can be found at:
 - From Boat US – Instructions & Video:
 - <http://www.boatus.org/monofilament/build-a-bin>
 - From VA. Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF) Instructions:
 - <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/fishing-line-recycling/recycling-container-construction.pdf>
 - DGIF: How to Install:
 - <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/fishing-line-recycling/recycliner-container-assembly-and-installation.pdf>
 - ***Berkley Pure Fishing will send a limited number of recycling bins to you at no cost. These bins also come with a pre-paid label to return the line to Berkley for recycling.*** They will only need your name and address. Make bin requests to: Taneda Brown, Service Experience Coordinator 803-754-7000 tbrown@purefishing.com

- **Identification of Bin Sponsor:** Boat US has three different graphics that your organization can choose from to design a label with your organizations name: <http://www.boatus.org/monofilament> Additionally Boat US will send you a limited number of free “Reel In & Recycle Stickers” if you make a request to sshingledecker@boatus.com

- **Signs – Boat US also offers, at no cost, a limited number of metal signs to place at your organizations bin site.** Again, before your organization places one of these metal signs at the site, ask permission! <http://www.boatus.org/monofilament>

- **Where to send the line your organization collects:**
 - Berkley Recycling 1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360 (or use their pre-paid boxes with labels.)
 - Boat US <http://www.boatus.org/monofilament>
 - Boat US keeps track of the number of pounds of fishing line recycled nationally so be sure to e-mail sshingledecker@boatus.com to let her know how much the line weighed each time it was sent in. This information helps Boat US to obtain grants to continue the fishing line recycling program.

- **Add your bin location to the DGIF interactive map:** <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/fishing-line-recycling> DGIF will need your organization’s name and the location of the bin. For example, Virginia Beach Marina or Smith Mountain Lake, or New River Bait & Tackle Shop. To be added to the DGIF Map e-mail Chris.dunnavant@dgif.virginia.gov

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