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TRASH



Garbage in our waters
comes from many sources
including street drains,
people on the beach,
parking lots, and
people on the water.
On the land or on the water,
you can help clean up
our waterways!

TO PARTICIPATE

in a local beach cleanup call 1-800-CMC-Beach.

TO LEARN MORE

environmental stewardship ideas for boaters
call 1-800-BOAT-USA.

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**For more information contact us at
www.boatus.com or 1-800-BOAT-USA.**



**DID YOU KNOW THAT IT IS
AGAINST BOTH FEDERAL
AND STATE LAWS TO THROW
ANY GARBAGE IN COASTAL
AND INLAND WATERS?**

HERE'S SOME WATERFRONT WISDOM

- Keep your cigarette butts off the beach and out of the water. More than a million were picked up from U.S. beaches on one day last year!
- When purchasing refreshments, choose recyclable containers (and recycle them!) instead of foamed cups with plastic lids and straws.
- Take sandwiches and snacks from home in reusable containers rather than in plastic food bags.
- Leave the beach a cleaner place than you found it. Take a trash bag on your beach walk and carefully pick up litter.
- If you run a waterfront business, maintain your garbage cans with lids and pick up debris before it gets in the water.



AND SOME BOATING BASICS

- Designate a permanent onboard trash can. Use a bucket with a lid or other sturdy container.
- Help guests understand that on your boat, no trash is thrown overboard.
 - Put empty cans back in your cooler to recycle ashore.
- If your trash blows overboard, go back and get it, carefully using the opportunity as “crew-overboard” practice.
- Bring used monofilament line back to recycling bins at your marina or tackle shop.



WANT TO DO MORE?

- Share this information with a friend, and put up a “Stash Your Trash” poster in a public place for others to see!
- Join in coastal and underwater cleanups, adopt-a-beach programs, and the “Boater’s Pledge.”