The Fight for Clean and Safe Water

Partners for Clean Streams is hosting the “Stow It- Don’t Throw It” program encouraging fishing line recycling. Personal Fishing Line Recycling Bins are easily made from empty tennis ball cans which are convenient and easy for anglers to put their broken or tangled fishing line into. Once the fishing line is safely in the tubes, it can be properly recycled, protecting wildlife and rivers. When recycled in large stationary tubes, given to Partners for Clean Streams or Bass Pro Shops (Rossford location), recycled fishing line is then made into commercial fish habitat structures by Berkley Conservation and kept out of the waterways. Together, we can prevent excess fishing line in the local rivers.

Thank you for your commitment in making Toledo’s waters clean, clear and safe.

For more information, visit www.stowitdonthrowitproject.org/ or PartnersforCleanStreams.org

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Personal Fishing Line Recycling Bins

Stationary recycling station
The Problem

Broken fishing line that is left in the water from anglers can have negative impacts on animals in and around the river, along with people who use the rivers. Direct contact with discarded fishing line can result in entanglement, harmful wounds or consumption by wildlife. It can also detract from the beauty of the streams, rivers, and lakes. Fishing line (a type of plastic) can take up to 600 years to breakdown in the environment, which means that the fishing line builds up year after year. There are large, stationary fishing line recycling bins in many locations but not always easy to get to when fishing on a boat or in the middle of a river.

The Solution

Personal fishing line recycling bins help keep broken or tangled fishing line out of rivers until the line can be appropriately recycled.

To use the bin-

Bring your personal bin with you on fishing trips. It easily attached to the side of a boat and can fit into waders or be taken on fishing trips.

Put any fishing line that is tangled, cut or broken into the bin to keep it secure so it doesn’t blow or wash away and end up in our water ways.

Attach the lid to keep the lid from becoming trash. This also makes sure that nothing falls out.

When the bin is full, recycle the fishing line by putting it in a large, stationary recycling tubes which can be found around the river, recycling it at Bass Pro Shops or dropping it off at Partners for Clean Streams. The line will get recycled and turned into fish habitat structures with Berkley Conservation. To get your own bin, contact Partners for Clean Streams.