Tackling Trash When Fishing

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1. Pack all your food and beverages in reusable bags or containers to prevent accidental littering.

2. 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.

3. 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. (show image of monofilament recycling bin)

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.

7. 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!