

ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ABATE POLLUTION OF OUR WATERWAYS



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1. Are you a runner, biker, or walker?

All of the storm water runoff ends up in our waterways via the drains or ditches along the road. Imagine the difference it would make if each of you stopped for a few seconds, picked up just one beer or soda can or empty water bottle, and carried it home to the recycle bin. Encourage your children to do the same on their way home from school each day.

2. Are you an ex-cigarette smoker?

Congratulations on quitting. That was a major accomplishment. Take a short walk each day to pick up a few butts along the road as retribution for all the butts we threw out our car windows, while giving thanks for the willpower to cast off the addiction.

3. Are you a fisherman?

Take care that your fishing line does not end up in the water where it can be ingested and kill fish and fowl whose carcasses then pollute the water.

4. Are you a boater?

Before you leave the dock, secure your cooler covers, empty cans, hats, and other loose equipment on the boat so that it does not end up in the water. Know the rules for discarding garbage: no plastic anywhere; ground glass and food at least 12 miles from shore.

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