

Help Protect Wildlife — Repurpose Your Used Tennis Ball Cans!

Did you know: Most monofilament fishing line is non-biodegradable and will last about 600 years. Because it is thin and often clear, it is difficult for birds and other animals such as turtles and osprey to see and they can easily brush up against it and become entangled. Once entangled, they may become injured, drown, or starve to death. Many of these animals may also ingest fishing line which will result in starvation.



Fishing line recycling is a great solution to the problems posed by improperly disposed of monofilament fishing line. In many states and countries, both indoor and outdoor fishing line recycling bins provide anglers with a place to properly dispose of their used monofilament fishing line, thereby keeping it out of the environment, and allowing it to be recycled.

Many people often fish in areas where they can't access the larger monofilament fishing line recycling bins (such as from a boat or in a remote location). These anglers need a way to store their used fishing line and keep it out of the environment.

The Stow It — Don't Throw It Project was created to engage students in the assembly and distribution of a personal sized version of the larger fishing line recycling bins.

These smaller bins provide anglers with a conservation tool to safely store their used fishing line, keeping it out of the environment until they can later, properly recycle it.



The personal-sized fishing line recycling bins are made from recycled tennis ball containers. Repurposing these plastic containers helps prevent them from potentially ending up in landfills!

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