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REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ABANDONED FISHING LINE

Abandoned fishing line poses a threat to anyone walking the shore as well as reptiles, songbirds and aquatic birds.

Anyone who is observing nature, walking, exercising, hunting or fishing should take this seriously and collect all line they see. Proper disposal is as easy as carrying a pocket knife.

When you find abandoned line, try to get all of it. Wrap the line around your open hand until you have all the line spooled on your hand. Careful for abandoned hooks or lures on the end of the line!!

Simply use a sharp pocket knife to cut the line at your hand opening. If you want to be very thorough, cut this pile of line one more time into tiny 6" segments.

This cut line is now harmless and in fact will be used by birds to make their nests without threat to wildlife. You can scatter the line cuttings, minus any rusty hooks or lures underneath the nearest bush or tree. You can also take this line and put it in the trash. Either way, this will probably find its way into nests.

Long sections of line can become tangled on songbirds. They attempt to use the line and are very attracted to piece of stray, line and twigs of this size for nest building. The long lines are a deathtrap to these birds especially, because the birds become stuck and tangled in the lines. I have seen a bird dangling from the tree by fishing line.

Aquatic birds and reptiles can become tangled also. Removing abandoned fishing line will save your local environment and make our world that much better. If you are a fishermen, keep track of your line, dispose of line immediately in this fashion and be better to the waters you fish!

Best Fishes - Johnny

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