

Solid Waste

Solid waste means any litter, garbage, refuse, or other discarded materials. Solid waste can collect at marinas and boat ramp sites and enter surface waters if litter is not continuously picked up. Covered trash receptacles should be provided and conveniently located for customer use.

Marinas that appear clean are more attractive to customers. Providing sufficient waste receptacles, separating recyclables, and preventing litter are all expected best management practices at any designated Clean Marina.

Mandatory

Disposes of Solid Waste in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations

Places trashcans and dumpsters in convenient locations

Keeps litter picked up on a daily basis

Covers trashcans and dumpsters and keeps them plugged

Conducts periodic inspections of trash storage areas

Additional

Provides recycling containers

Provides recycling for batteries

Provides recycling for fishing line

Provides trash bags to boaters

Provides education to boaters for proper disposal of garbage, recyclables, and other wastes.

- Disseminate information through slip rental contract, postings at marina, fact sheet/handouts, printing in newsletters or electronic mailings that informs boaters about your marinas garbage and recycling locations/programs and encourage boaters to properly dispose of their wastes.

Provide education to boaters on the proper disposal of batteries

- Educate and encourage boaters to recycle or properly dispose of batteries.

Fish Waste

The amount of fish waste disposed of at a marina can exceed that which exists naturally in the lake. In sufficient quantities the decomposition of this fish waste can degrade water quality. It is recommended to promote and educate marina patrons regarding proper fish waste disposal.

Most native, nongame fish can be used as live bait safely. Numerous kinds of harmful species can be spread by dumping bait into the water. Non-native minnows and non-native crayfish can get mixed up with native species sold for bait, particularly when the source of the bait is from an out of state producer. Even native minnows and especially crayfish have caused problems when they are released into water where they were not obtained. In addition, young zebra mussels the size of a pin and/or nuisance plants have been found in bait supplies and have become established in the water where they are released. To avoid the spread of harmful species, no live bait or bait water of any kind should be dumped into the waters. Put unused bait in a plastic bag and dispose of it in the trash.

Mandatory

Provides education to boaters on importance of "No Bait Dumping"

- Signage or informational publication related to "No Bait Dumping" should be present at any locations bait is sold.

Additional

Provides designated fish cleaning station

- Establish fish cleaning stations with covered trash receptacles.

Educate boaters regarding the importance of proper fish cleaning practices

- Provide signage at fish cleaning stations that includes any instructions for fish cleaning and proper disposal of fish waste.