

Don't leave your line behind!

Recycle used fishing line and help protect wildlife.

Discarded fishing line is hazardous – even deadly – to many types of wildlife. Birds, fish and small animals can be harmed by swallowing or becoming entangled in fishing line.

And fishing line is not just a threat to wildlife – it can be a danger to swimmers and a problem for boaters when fishing line gets entangled in propellers causing serious damage to boat motors.



What is monofilament fishing line?

Monofilament line is another name for single-strand, nylon fishing line that is used on fishing reels.

What can you do?

- When you're done fishing, store line until it can be recycled or disposed of safely.
- Never leave fishing line unattended.
- Cast with care! Avoid trees, utility lines, bridges, reefs, wildlife and other anglers.
- If your line gets snagged or should break, make every effort to safely retrieve it.
- When you come upon discarded line debris and other abandoned fishing gear, dispose of it properly.
- Do not attempt to disentangle animals yourself. Doing so can result in injury to you and the animal.

Where should you dispose of monofilament fishing line?

Many bait and tackle shops, boat ramps, marinas and fishing piers have fishing line recycling bins. If yours does not, encourage store owners and managers to participate in a recycling program. For more information and a complete list of recycling locations, go to westchestergov.com.

Recycling bins have been installed in the following county park locations:

Glen Island Park, New Rochelle
Playland Park, Rye
Croton Point Park, Croton
Wampus Pond, Armonk
Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River
George's Island Park, Montrose
Blue Mountain Reservation, Peekskill
Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers
V.E. Macy Woodlands Park, Ardsley
Sprain Lake Golf Course, Yonkers

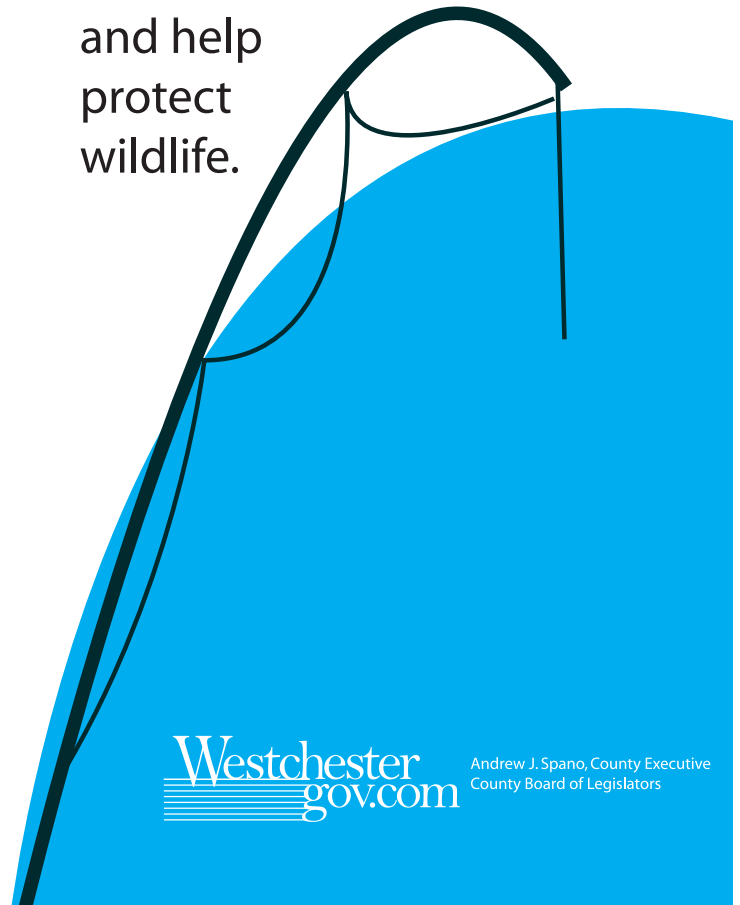
Many local municipalities have agreed to install recycling bins at popular fishing spots in their areas. They will also help distribute special, waterproof self-mailing envelopes that can be used by people who fish in remote areas. All the line collected in the bins and the envelopes will be sent to the Berkley Pure Fishing Company in Iowa, where it will be recycled into raw plastic pellets that are used to manufacture tackle boxes and other products.



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