

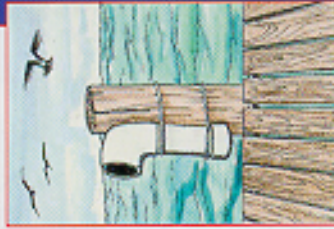
## Monofilament line can be a killer...

Wildlife can be hurt in two ways by discarded monofilament:

- 1) Wild animals might eat monofilament line and become sick, or starve because their stomach feels full. Or,
  - 2) Wildlife might become entangled in line and drown, starve, or lose a limb in a slow and painful strangle hold.
- In one study 38% of green turtles that washed up in Florida had monofilament in their gut, and 4% had eaten fish hooks (1988-1993).
  - 40% of stranded bottlenose dolphins with human related injuries had signs of harm from monofilament in east Florida (1992-1998).
  - 1 in 5 rescued manatees has been tangled in monofilament (1980-1999).

## Cast your line here...

In Brevard County you can find monofilament recycling bins in bait and tackle shops, at boat ramps, fishing piers, bridges, and beach accesses.



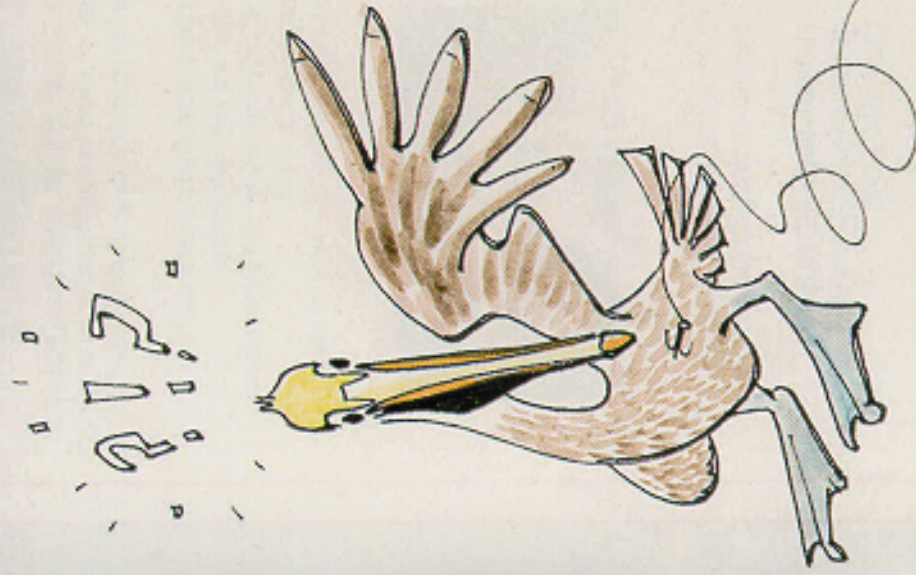
## Help Clean Up...

We need to clean up old monofilament fishing line. Look for "Monofilament Madness" cleanup events in your area! Interested Cleanup Volunteers should contact:

Monofilament Recovery and  
Recycling Program  
Brevard County Natural Resources Mgmt.  
(321) 633-2016

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# You Can Help A Tangled Animal...



**Monofilament Recovery  
and Recycling Program**

## ACTION TO TAKE

**DO NOT TOUCH/CALL -**  
Florida Marine Patrol 1-800-DIAL-FMP

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Florida Wildlife Hospital 321-254-8843

**TRY to carefully untangle the fish or CALL -**  
Florida Marine Patrol 1-800-DIAL-FMP

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Florida Fish and Wildlife 1-800-342-9620  
or Florida Wildlife Hospital 321-254-8843

## TYPE OF ANIMAL

**SEA TURTLE** - has flippers and cannot pull head or limbs inside shell

**MARINE MAMMAL** - dolphin, manatee, and whale

**BIRD** (other than a pelican) - may be a wading bird and have a sharp pointed beak, or may be an osprey.

**FISH or RAY** - may be a stingray, shark, or game fish

**LAND ANIMAL** - may be a raccoon, dog, cat, otter, or snake