

# WASTE CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL

Trash and waste in our lakes is ugly, dangerous to humans and wildlife, and illegal to dump. Boaters are the first line of defense.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Dispose of all recyclables and trash on shore.



## PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL

### ANTI-FREEZE

- Only use propylene glycol (pink, blue or clear).
- Dispose of at a marina, automotive center or county drop-off station.
- Do not pour into a storm sewer or septic system.

### BATTERIES

- Return to battery retailer for recycling.
- Don't just throw out! Find a household hazardous waste or drop-off center.

### OIL

- Your marina or household hazardous waste drop-off centers can help.
- Recycle! Recycled motor oil is made into new lubricants, easing demand on oil.

### OIL FILTERS

- Drain, crush and recycle oil filters; ask your marina about it.
- If you can't recycle your filter, still recycle the oil.



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### **SOLVENTS, GASOLINE AND PESTICIDES (TOXIC)**

- Bring to a household hazardous waste collection.
- Do not put in the garbage, pour down the drain, dump or pour overboard!

### **FISH SCRAPS**

- Do not dump fish waste in the water.
- Discard fish waste in designated areas or bag and dump in a dumpster.
- Take the scraps home and use as garden fertilizer.

### **SHRINK-WRAP**

- Recycle the plastic shrink-wrap at facilities that accept it.

### **PAINT AND VARNISH**

- Never pour down the drain. They can't be treated.
- If containers are full, donate to resellers like Habitat for Humanity Restore.
- Oil-based paint and varnish: use a hazardous household waste drop-off station.
- Latex paint: remove lid and allow paint to air dry. Toss in regular trash when dry.



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