

MARINE DEBRIS



Help reduce marine debris in the D'Entrecasteaux and Huon waterways.

Litter is a problem for shipping and boating and impacts on our enjoyment of the waterway - it also creates problems for marine mammals, seabirds and reef systems.

Two easy things you can do to keep our waterway clean



Use less plastic

- *No excuse for single use.* Avoid single use plastic items (bottles, straws, cutlery, bags)
- *Less is more!* Steer clear of excess packaging with your purchases
- *Choose to reuse!* Make the switch to multi-use items such as fabric bags, and BYO cups and bottles
- *Be natural.* Your wash cycle sends synthetic fibres from plastic-based fabrics (e.g. polyester) straight to the sea, choose natural materials instead.
- *It's the little things.* Did you know that microbeads in cosmetics are actually tiny plastic particles? Keep our sea bead free!
- *Need a new gadget?* Repair, refurbish or recycle electronics when you need an upgrade.
- *Be inventive!* Can it be reused? Repurposed? Recycled? Try and find alternatives to landfill where possible.

Clean up

- *Keep your trash in order.* Use the right bin and sort your rubbish into recyclables, compost and general waste
- *Not in your back yard.* Give our wildlife a helping hand and pick up rubbish, fishing line, nets and ropes while you're out and about.
- *All roads lead to the sea.* Keep streets, paths, parking areas and drains clear of rubbish and debris
- *Join a local clean up.* The D'Entrecasteaux and Huon Collaboration help coordinate annual clean ups
- *Spread the word.* Let people know that you care about marine debris (schools, community newsletters, elected representatives)

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