

It is illegal for any vessel to dump plastic trash anywhere in the ocean or navigable waters of the United States. Annex V of the MARPOL TREATY is a new International Law for a cleaner, safer marine environment. Each violation of these requirements may result in civil penalty up to \$25,000, a fine up to \$50,000, and imprisonment up to 5 years.

**U.S. lakes, rivers, bays, sounds,  
and 3 miles from shore**

**ILLEGAL TO DUMP:**

Plastic	Garbage
Paper	Metal
Rags	Crockery
Glass	Dunnage
Food	

**3 to 12 miles**

**ILLEGAL TO DUMP:**

Plastic  
Dunnage (lining & packing materials that float)

Also, if not ground to less than one inch:

Garbage	Metal
Paper	Crockery
Rags	Food
Glass	

**12 to 25 miles**

**ILLEGAL TO DUMP:**

Plastic  
Dunnage (lining & packing materials that float)

**Outside 25 miles**

**ILLEGAL TO DUMP:**

Plastic

State and local regulations may further restrict the disposal of garbage

***Working together we can all make a difference!***