

Trash, old line can kill wildlife

Bird's Eye View

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Animals may eat or become entangled in litter, causing them to drown or starve to death. Some of the most common injuries are those caused by us humans in one way or another. Entanglement in trash like six pack rings and fishing line and netting is a big threat to wild animals, most of which could be avoided with a little effort on our part. Cut six pack rings so birds and small animals don't get caught in the rings around their neck or legs. Never cut fishing line off the rod and leave it in the water or on the ground. This is one of the most common ways marine animals become injured, often resulting in death. Large nets, out in the ocean, or small pieces drifting into shore are often the cause of drowning, as animals get tangled in the net and cannot escape.

Fishing line and trash can kill wildlife. Please pick up all plastic trash you find! Discarded fishing line is especially dangerous to wildlife.



During a routine clean up, Maya and volunteers found this Great White Heron tangled in plastic wrap and fighting for its life.