

DISCHARGE OF OIL PROHIBITED

THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT PROHIBITS THE DISCHARGE OF OIL OR OILY WASTE INTO OR UPON THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES, OR THE WATERS OF THE CONTIGUOUS ZONE, OR WHICH MAY AFFECT NATURAL RESOURCES BELONGING TO, APPERTAINING TO, OR UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES. IF SUCH DISCHARGE CAUSES A FILM OR DISCOLORATION OF THE SURFACE OF THE WATER OR CAUSES A SLUDGE OR EMULSION BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE WATER. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL CIVIL PENALTIES AND/OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS INCLUDING FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.

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ILLEGAL DUMPING CHART

THE ACT TO PREVENT POLLUTION FROM SHIPS (MARPOL ANNEX V) PLACES LIMITATIONS ON THE DISCHARGE OF GARBAGE FROM VESSELS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP PLASTIC TRASH ANYWHERE IN THE OCEAN OR NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ALSO ILLEGAL TO DISCHARGE GARBAGE IN THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE GREAT LAKES. THE DISCHARGE OF OTHER TYPES OF GARBAGE IS PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF SPECIFIC DISTANCES OFFSHORE AS DETERMINED BY THE NATURE OF THAT GARBAGE.

GARBAGE TYPE

DISCHARGE

Plastics - includes synthetic ropes, fishing nets and plastic bags

Prohibited in all areas

Floating dunnage, lining and packing materials

Prohibited less than 25 miles from nearest land

Food waste, paper, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery or similar refuse

Prohibited less than 12 miles from nearest land

Comminuted or ground food waste, paper, rags, glass, etc.

Prohibited less than 3 miles from nearest land

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