

# Pick it up!

## Fishing Line can Harm Wildlife

Improperly used or disposed fishing line, also called monofilament, can pose a danger to wildlife. Wildlife become entangled in fishing line, which can cause the animal to starve, suffocate or drown.

Discarded fishing line is particularly dangerous to bald eagle nestlings and other birds. Every year, biologists find and remove fishing line from bald eagle nests throughout the state.

**The Monofilament Recovery Program (MRP)** was implemented to clean up Arizona's recreation areas and reduce the impacts of fishing line on wildlife.

*Help keep our waterways tangle free!*





## Anglers Can Help!

Help protect wildlife by:

- **Properly disposing of used fishing line in trash containers or MRP bins.** MRP bins are located at common angling spots and fishing retailers around Arizona.
- **Using the appropriate test line.** By using the appropriate test line, anglers reduce the amount of broken line and gear that can harm birds as they prey on previously hooked fish.
- **Setting the drag correctly.** An incorrect drag setting can cause the line to break, leaving line and gear that can harm birds. Set the drag to allow the line to properly spool out rather than breaking.
- **Replacing fishing line annually.** Arizona's extreme temperatures and bright sun weaken fishing line and cause it to break easily.
- **Taking the initiative.** Pick-up discarded fishing line and tackle along waterways and properly dispose of it.



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