

Make it safe

When disposing of fishing line, cut it into small pieces and ensure that it is securely contained within the bin to reduce the risk of entangling scavenging birds and wildlife.



Make use of hook and line bins at popular fishing spots. Even better – recycle it if there is an option available.

Keep it clean

As responsible fishers, it's our duty to protect our waterways for future generations.

By following these tips, we can all play a part in keeping our waterways healthy and fishing spots clean for everyone to enjoy.

KEEP IT CLEAN



Get involved

Join a local 'clean up' event, grab a bag, and have some fun!



Participating in clean-up events not only has a positive impact on the environment but also contributes to the social fabric of your community and recreational fishing.

Learn more about being a responsible recreational fisher online:

dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational



Fishing-related litter can impact habitats, wildlife, and other water users.

Learn how you can make a difference.

Building a healthy fishing future.



Go packaging free

Before you go fishing, properly dispose of packaging from any new fishing gear.



Using a tackle box is a great way to keep gear tidy, accessible and packaging free, preventing litter from getting into our waterways.

Stash your trash

Find a safe and secure place to store your rubbish whilst fishing to prevent it from attracting wildlife or being blown or washed away.



Ensure that all rubbish, big and small, gets carefully stashed and removed from your fishing spot.

Fish smarter

Fishing in areas with snaggy structure? Think before you cast.

Fish towards the features rather than over them or carefully present your bait above any structure to improve your catch rate and reduce gear loss.

Consider the influence of currents and changing environmental conditions.



Use lures that stay higher in the water column.

Use floats, lightly-weighted or unweighted baits.

Fish actively and retrieve your bait before it settles in any snags.



Master your knot-tying skills to increase your chance of retrieving snagged gear.

Mind your lines

Keep a close eye on your lines and gear while fishing to avoid unwanted interactions with wildlife and other water users. And you won't miss a bite!



Remove bait and carefully secure hooks to a rod guide when you're not fishing to avoid interactions with kids, dogs, and wildlife.

Leave no trace

Leave your fishing spot cleaner than you found it.

Collect and dispose of unused bait, bait packaging, fish waste and litter properly, even if it isn't yours.

If a public bin is full, find another one or take the litter home with you.

