

Dear Marine Environment Protector:

The United States Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) have created this brochure to remind all of us that our litter should be carefully placed in the appropriate place so that it doesn't end up fouling our oceans, rivers and lakes. We cannot take our marine environment for granted, nor treat it carelessly.

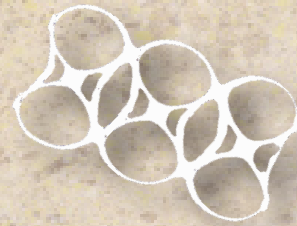
Please help us in our mission to reduce marine debris by doing the following:

- **Refuse** what you do not need
- **Reduce** what you do need
- **Reuse** what you consume
- **Repurpose** what you cannot refuse, reduce, or reuse
- **Recycle** what you cannot refuse, reduce, reuse, or repurpose

We're sure you can think of more ways to get the word out! Thank you for joining us in our efforts to "Save Our Seas." Together, we can make a difference!!!

For more information, or to share your good ideas, reach us at:

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Six-pack holders
400 YEARS

Cigarette Butts
1-5 YEARS



Balloons
6 MONTHS



Orange & Banana Peels
2-5 WEEKS



Leather
50-80 YEARS



Plastic Coated Paper
3 MONTHS



Plastic Containers
450 YEARS

Plastic Bags
10-20 YEARS



Aluminum Cans
50 YEARS



Glass Bottles
1,000 YEARS



Nylon
600 YEARS

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*Each of us plays a role in
keeping our planet whole.*

*Inspired by Individuals
Reverberating through Communities
Innovatively Led by Corporations
Guided by the United Nations*



THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Since 1790 the Coast Guard has safeguarded our maritime and environmental interests around the world. The Coast Guard is an adaptable, responsive military force of maritime professionals whose broad legal authorities, capable assets, geographic diversity and expansive partnerships provide a persistent presence along our rivers, in the ports, littoral regions and on the high seas. Coast Guard presence and impact is local, regional, national and international. These attributes make the Coast Guard a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship. For more information, visit www.uscg.mil



THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Established by Congress in 1939 under title 14, §§ 23 of the U.S. Code, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is Semper Paratus (Always Ready). The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, and waterways. We balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of a post-9/11 era. For more information visit www.cgaux.org



NAMEPA

The North American Marine
Environment Protection

Association (NAMEPA) is a marine industry-led organization of environmental stewards preserving the marine environment by promoting sustainable marine industry best practices and educating seafarers, students and the public about the need and strategies for protecting global ocean, lake and river resources. For more information visit www.namepa.net

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DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR LITTER IS?

