

Under the MARPOL agreement and U.S. federal law, it is illegal for any vessel to discharge plastic or garbage containing plastics into any waters. Additional restrictions on dumping non-plastic waste are outlined below. All discharge of garbage

is prohibited in the Great Lakes or their connecting or tributary waters. Each knowing violation of these requirements may result in a fine up to \$500,000, and up to 6 years imprisonment.

3 nautical miles from shore and anywhere in U.S. Lakes, Rivers, Bays, Sounds.

ILLEGAL TO DUMP Plastic
All other trash



3 to 12 nautical miles offshore

ILLEGAL TO DUMP Plastic
Dunnage, lining & packing materials that float. All other trash if not ground to less than one inch.



12 to 25 nautical miles offshore

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Dunnage, lining & packing materials that float.



Outside 25 nautical miles offshore

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State and local regulations may further restrict the disposal of garbage.

LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO PROTECT THE OCEANS!

