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 to 12 nautical miles offshore**
  - **ILLEGAL TO DUMP Plastic**
  - Dunnage, lining & packing materials that float. All other trash if not grounded to less than one inch.

- **12 to 25 nautical miles offshore**
  - **ILLEGAL TO DUMP Plastic**
  - Dunnage, lining & packing materials that float.

- **Outside 25 nautical miles offshore**
  - **ILLEGAL TO DUMP Plastic**

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

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