

Plastic Pollution

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What might at first look like modern art is actually a photograph of nylon line from edge trimmers (aka string trimmers, weed-eaters, or weed-whackers) discarded throughout the neighborhood streets. These plastics become environmental hazards, especially after they wash into natural areas where birds and other wildlife ingest these worm-looking fragments. Many animals evolved to catch and immediately eat their prey without a second thought lest that delay gives the would-be-meal a chance to squiggle free. Large sections, especially ones tied into loops, can snag wildlife in the same notorious way that plastic six-pack ring collars do. Plastics of any size break down into smaller, microscopic bits. The complete health impacts of these microplastics are currently under study.

Let's play it safe. Instead of leaving or blowing away nylon edging, please sweep it up and throw it out.

Here is more information concerning plastics and the environment:

http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/strung_out/

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/11/animals-eat-ocean-plastic-because-of-smell-dms-algae-seabirds-fish/>

<https://www.rainbowlight.com/ecoguard/docs/How%20Plastic%20is%20Entering%20Our%20Food%20Chain%20and%20Our%20Bodies.pdf>

<https://ourblueplanet.bbcearth.com/blog/?article=why-do-marine-animals-eat-plastic>

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/coastal/trash/documents/marine_debris.pdf

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