

## Garbage Placard

### Links to applicable regulations

[33 CFR 151.59 - Requirement](#)

### Checklist for this item

	There must be a sufficient number of placards posted aboard the vessel so as to be read by all crew.
	The placard is required to be at least 4" X 9".
	Letters on the placard must be a minimum of 1/8 inch high.
	The placard must be made of durable material.

### MARPOL Garbage Dumping Restrictions

Under U.S. federal law, it is illegal to discharge plastic or garbage mixed with plastic into any waters. Regional, state or local regulations may also apply. All discharge of garbage is prohibited in the Great Lakes and their connecting or tributary waters.

Violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25,000, a fine of up to \$500,000, and 6 years imprisonment.

#### Open Ocean Restrictions

The diagram illustrates three zones of restriction based on distance from shore:

- Zone 1:** Navigable waters & within 3 nautical miles offshore. Restriction: Illegal to dump all garbage!
- Zone 2:** 3-12 nautical miles offshore. Restriction: Illegal to dump garbage > 1".
- Zone 3:** 12-25 nautical miles offshore. Restriction: Illegal to dump floatable packaging, dunnage & lashing materials.
- Zone 4:** Beyond 25 nautical miles offshore. Restriction: Illegal to dump plastics anywhere.

Report marine pollution incidents to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 or to your local Coast Guard office by phone or VHF radio, channel 16.

*Keep our nation's waterways clean-it's the law!*