

WHY IS LEAD A PROBLEM?



Lead is toxic to animals and humans when ingested. Waterfowl such as geese, ducks, swans, loons, cranes and eagles are susceptible to ingesting lead fishing tackle lost by anglers.

Some species of waterfowl swallow pebbles at the bottom of lakes and rivers to help grind their food. In doing this, the birds can inadvertently ingest lead fishing sinkers.

Other waterfowl eat the lead weights which they mistake as snails. Some birds even ingest lead by eating fish that have themselves swallowed lead fishing tackle.

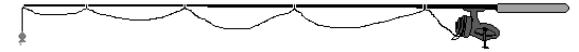
LEAD POISONING

So what happens if a bird ingests one little lead sinker or jig?

The acid in a bird's stomach or gizzard dissolves the lead, which then enters the bloodstream and is carried to vital organs. Health impacts from this lead poisoning can range from loss of weight and trouble feeding and caring for their young, to the inability to fly or walk, and may even result in death. Predators and scavengers who eat these birds are also at risk for lead poisoning.



HOW CAN ANGLERS HELP?



Lead poisoning does not have to happen!

Fortunately there are inexpensive and ecologically sound alternatives to lead fishing tackle.

Simply replace lead tackle with non-lead tackle made from materials such as tin, steel, glass, bismuth, ceramic, rubber and plastic.

Non-lead jigs and weights work equally well and are not harmful to you or waterfowl.



Contacts for Lead Recycling:

Alameda County Recycling Hotline
877-STOPWASTE
www.stopwaste.org

Sims Metal Management
30104 Industrial Parkway S. W.
Hayward, CA 94544
(510) 471-6600

QUARRY LAKES LEAD FISHING WEIGHT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



The Alameda County Water District and East Bay Regional Park District have joined together to give anglers the opportunity to exchange their toxic lead split-shot weights and sinkers for lead-free split-shot weights and sinkers.

The exchange program operates at the Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area in Fremont, CA.

Exchange Hours Info is Available at the Entrance Kiosk

-  Lead weights will be exchanged for the available lead-free alternative that approximates the same shape and/or weight.
-  This is a one-for-one trade provided at no cost to the angler.
-  Limit of 15 lead weight exchanges per day (limit subject to change).
-  Lead-free tackle is not intended for resale.

Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area

2250 Isherwood Way
Fremont, CA 94535
(510) 795-4883

www.ebparks.org/parks/quarry_lakes



43885 South Grimmer Blvd.
P.O. Box 5110
Fremont, CA 94537
(510) 668-4200

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East Bay Regional
Park District

2950 Peralta Oaks Court
P.O. Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94605-0381
(510) 562-PARK

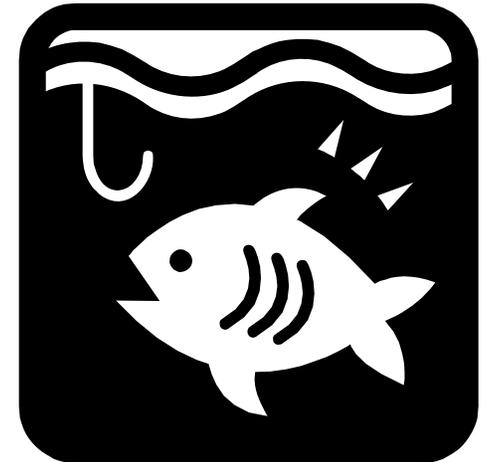
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LEAD FISHING TACKLE AWARENESS



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Prohibited at Quarry Lakes