

# Marine Debris Coast Guard Roles and Responsibilities



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# Coast Guard Roles/Responsibilities for Marine Debris

- The Coast Guard is one of many supporting agencies to NOAA's lead role.
- As a supporting agency, the Coast Guard may assist a Federal, State or Local agency to perform any activity for which USCG personnel and facilities are especially qualified.
- The Coast Guard will notify the public of hazardous marine debris reported by Coast Guard units and the marine community.
  - Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNMs)



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- The Coast Guard has the authority and responsibility to act when there is
  - A hazard to navigation.
  - Pollution or threat of pollution from oil or hazardous materials.



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# Discovery or Notification of Oil or Hazardous Substance

- Report a discharge of oil or hazardous substance to the National Response Center.

*National Response Center*  
*1-800-424-8802*



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