

# Environmental Concerns for Disposing of Fish Wastes in the River

Fish waste may include, but is not limited to, particles of flesh, skin, bones, entrails, or shells.



## Environmental concerns associated with disposal of fish wastes into river waters include:

- reduced oxygen levels in the river;
- burial or smothering of living organisms; and
- introduction of disease or non-native and invasive species to the ecosystem of the river



## Fish Wastes poses environmental and health problems

The organic components of the waste have a high biological oxygen demand and, if not managed properly, high oxygen demand poses environmental and health problems.



## Fish wastes degrade rapidly in warm temperatures

If not appropriately stored or managed, fish wastes create aesthetic problems and strong odors as a result of bacterial decomposition.



## Where to dispose fish wastes

- Bings Creek [www.cvrd.bc.ca/2969/Accepted-Materials-Fees](http://www.cvrd.bc.ca/2969/Accepted-Materials-Fees)
- Peerless Road [www.cvrd.bc.ca/2969/Accepted-Materials-Fees](http://www.cvrd.bc.ca/2969/Accepted-Materials-Fees)
- In the Ocean - Away from high traffic areas such as canoe and boat launch locations

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