

Floatable Facts

What are floatables?

Floatables are defined as litter that floats on the surface of the water. Floatables include many plastics such as milk bottles, soda bottles, motor oil containers, and plastic grocery and shopping bags, as well as aluminum products such as empty cans.

Why are they included in the NPDES program?

Floatables, unlike other NPDES targeted pollutants such as fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides, are the most visually polluting. They are also a problem in that they clog stormwater entryways such as storm drains or inlets causing the potential for flooding hazard. They are the most noticeable pollutant because they are the largest, but the good news is they are also the most easily controlled.

How can I help?

The main way to control floatables is not to litter and to pick up trash you see instead of walking by it. This will help beautify not only your neighborhood, but help the entire Greeley area. Who wants a river or lake or # 3 ditch with trash floating on it?