



Dispatch. Dispose. Respect.

Know your catch. Act humanely. Leave no trace.

1 IDENTIFY

European carp must not be returned alive. Identify correctly first.



Key features:

- Large, bronze-gold scales
- Two pairs of barbels (whiskers) around the mouth
- Long, continuous dorsal fin
- Deep body



2 DISPATCH

Act quickly and humanely.

Two methods can be used by a competent, responsible person who knows how to perform the method properly and safely.



Percussive stunning with a fishing priest



Iki jime using a specialised brain spike



Only a competent, responsible person who understands how to do it properly and safely should use these tools.

Children and beginners: ask a competent adult for help.

3 DISPOSE

Never leave dead carp on the bank or shoreline. Arrange appropriate removal and disposal.

Victorian rules also permit a DEAD carp carcass to be returned to the water if cut so it sinks.

NEVER return a live carp.



4 RESPECT



Collect fishing line, hooks and litter.

Fishing line, hooks, bait packets and food wrappers can be dangerous to wildlife.



Protect aquatic plants.

Avoid trampling vegetation, damaging riverbanks or unnecessarily disturbing underwater plants.



Give wildlife and other people space.

Respect waterbirds, turtles, frogs and other wildlife, and be considerate of other anglers and visitors.



Victoria's carp rules

- ✓ No minimum legal size
- ✓ No bag limit
- ✓ Kill immediately
- ✓ Never release alive
- ✓ Do not leave dead fish on shore.

Remember!

Every fish deserves humane treatment – even a pest species.