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INSTANT REEF

This artificial reef has openings and a textured surface that attract coral, fish, and other marine life. The four-foot-high Reef Ball, designed by the Reef Ball Development Group of Doraville, Ga., is made by pouring concrete between a fiberglass mold and an inflatable bladder; removable, oddly shaped balls placed between the two skins create holes. Floated to its deployment site, the reef slowly sinks when its bladder is deflated. It can be used to create a dive site or bolster an ailing natural reef.

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