

# Volusia County Sea Turtle Lighting Regulations

Effective May 1 through October 31  
(Sunset to Sunrise)

NO LIGHT SOURCE FROM ANY PART OF YOUR PROPERTY SHALL BE VISIBLE TO A PERSON STANDING ON ANY PART OF THE BEACH.

This includes recreational, decorative, dune crosswalk, and interior lighting, regardless of light color.

NO LIGHT FROM ANY PART OF YOUR PROPERTY SHALL ILLUMINATE ANY PART OF THE BEACH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY (reflected).

This includes recreational, decorative, dune crosswalk, and interior lighting, regardless of light color.

NO REFLECTIVE SURFACE OF A FIXTURE SHALL BE VISIBLE TO A PERSON STANDING ON THE BEACH.

This includes recreational, decorative, dune crosswalk, and interior lighting, regardless of light color.

To achieve compliance, lights must be **shielded** (so the light cannot be visible from the beach), **redirected** (to direct the light away from the beach), **replaced** (one with a light source not visible from the beach), *or* **turned off** (unnecessary lights). For interior lighting, close blinds/shades.

To ascertain if your property is compliant, you must conduct your own inspection AT NIGHT:

- First, have someone walk down on the beach, preferably on a night with a very low tide and no visible moon (non-moonlit beach). Determine if any part of the beach is illuminated from any lights from your property.
- Second, from directly behind your property, walk east towards the water, constantly observing if any light sources, from any part of your property, are visible from any portion of the beach.
- Third, conducting the same procedure above, walk north then south, constantly observing if any light sources, from any part of your property, are visible from any portion of the beach. You are responsible for your lights regardless of distance from your property.

**Remember, responsibility for compliance rests with the property owner, property manager, and occupant.**

The above is a basic description of the Sea Turtle Ordinance. For a complete legal description of the ordinance, including lighting standards for new development, community redevelopment areas or publicly owned lighting, contact Volusia County Environmental Management.

For additional information about the Sea Turtle Lighting Regulations,  
Call (386) 238 – 4773 or visit [www.volusiaseaturtles.org](http://www.volusiaseaturtles.org)