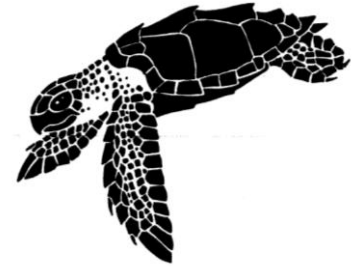


Beach Tips for Sea Turtle Nesting Season



May 1 – October 31

Don't Shine Lights on the Beach

- How: Keep all light sources and reflections off the beach by using light shields, blinds or by keeping fixtures low to the ground. Only use red LED flashlights and headlights on the beach at night.
- Why: Lights and fires may discourage sea turtles from nesting & lead baby turtles away from the water.
- *Volusia County Lighting Ordinance/ VC LAND DEV. CODE Art. XII §§ 1201-1209*

Remove Beach Furniture at Night

- How: Take beach furniture, cabanas, tents, and ALL beach equipment with you when leaving the beach. Do not store anything on the beach or in the dunes.
- Why: Beach equipment may harm, disturb, or trap nesting or baby sea turtles and disturb the dune system.
- *It is unlawful to disturb dunes or vegetation/ FLA STAT. Ch. 161.053*

Fireworks on the Beach are ILLEGAL

- How: Fireworks are illegal to possess or explode on the beach.
- Why: Litter from fireworks can harm sea life and explosions can disturb nesting sea turtles.
- *Beach Code/ Ch. 20, Sec. 20-125*

Thank you for helping to protect our nesting sea turtles!

For more information, please contact Volusia County Environmental Management at (386) 238-4668, 238-4716, or 238-4773.

www.volusiaseaturtles.org