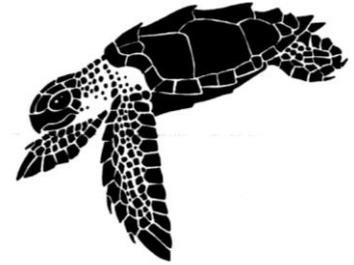


Beach Tips for Sea Turtle



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 on exterior lights and closing blinds on windows facing the beach. When using the beach at night, use only red LED portable lights.
- **Why:** Lights and fires may discourage sea turtles from nesting & lead baby turtles away from the water. Long wavelength red or amber lights are less disruptive to sea turtles than other colors.
- *Volusia County Lighting Ordinance/ VC LAND DEV. CODE Art. XII §§ 1201-1209*

Remove Beach Equipment 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:** Items left on the beach overnight, such as tents and chairs, create obstacles and hazards for emergency workers, pedestrians and wildlife.
- Unattended recreational equipment left on the beach between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. shall be removed by Volusia County staff.
- *Beach Code/ Ch. 20, Sec. 20-127*

Fireworks on the Beach are ILLEGAL

- **How:** Do not possess, ignite or discharge fireworks on the beach.
- **Why:** Litter from fireworks can harm sea life and explosions can disturb nesting sea turtles. Fireworks are illegal to have or use on the beach.
- *Beach Code/ Ch. 20, Sec. 20-125*

Fill Large Holes and Flatten Sandcastles

- **How:** Fill large holes and flatten sandcastles before you leave the beach.
- **Why:** Holes and sandcastles left on the beach create obstacles and hazards for emergency workers, pedestrians and wildlife including nesting sea turtles.

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.

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