

Friendly Reminders for Beach Clean-up Coordinators & Volunteers



- **Please complete a Beach Activity Notification form** and submit to Sami McCorkle at smccorkle@volusia.org at least one week prior to your event.
- **Please remind all participants to keep organic material on the beach** (seaweed, plants, seeds etc.) **and to clean carefully around sand dunes and avoid walking on dune vegetation.** The organic items provide food for beach wildlife and helps build the beach by trapping windblown sand!
- **Remember that cleaning up small pieces of trash is just as important as the big stuff!** Cigarette butts and small pieces of plastic are hazards, too.
- **Recycle all plastic and aluminum items found.** Please have participants separate these items during your clean-up and then **dispose of them in the YELLOW recycle bins on the beach.** All other trash, preferably, should not be thrown away in the BLUE beach trash bins along the beach, as we don't want to overflow. Please use park dumpsters or home disposal whenever possible.
- **To reduce waste, use *buckets* or reuse small plastic shopping bags for trash found and give only *one* glove per volunteer to use during the clean-up.** Large garbage bags are often not filled completely and may be cumbersome on the beach to clean with. Suggest that volunteers use garden gloves or reserve plastic gloves in their pocket to use for dirty trash; otherwise it may be uncomfortable to wear the entire time.
- **If you have any beach issues, call Beach Safety at 386-239-6414 (press 0).** This includes if you find any dead, sick or injured sea turtles, birds, marine mammals or other animals on the beach. **Never push a washed in (or stranded) animal back into the water!!**
- **Please let us know how your clean-up went in the week following your event.** You can call (386-238-4716), e-mail (smccorkle@volusia.org), or report online (<https://www.volusia.org/services/growth-and-resource-management/environmental-management/get-involved/adopt-a-beach-form.stml>) with the **number of people** who participated, the **length of time** and the approximate **pounds of trash** removed off the beach.

THANKS FOR HELPING TO KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN AND
OUR WILDLIFE SAFE!!



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BEACH ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION

DATE OF ACTIVITY: _____

TIME OF ACTIVITY: From _____ to _____

ESTIMATED PARTICIPANT ATTENDANCE: _____

ACTIVITY LOCATION ADDRESS: _____

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION: _____

ACTIVITY CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ E-Mail: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS please initial each condition

The protection of the beach ecosystem is a priority of *Volusia County Beach Safety*. All special events must be managed in a manner that preserves the natural resources of Volusia County Beaches and must comply with all state, federal and County environmental regulations.

_____ *All event activities and temporary equipment set-up must take place fully seaward (east) of the Conservation Zone (CZ; conspicuously marked with posts and signs). **No driving or parking of vehicles or trailers in the CZ is permitted.***

_____ *All general public driving and parking rules apply. The speed limit is 10 mph on the beach at all times.*

_____ *NO activity is permitted within 30 feet of a marked sea turtle nest.*

_____ *In public driving areas, vehicles must obey all standard driving rules including opening and closing times (November 1 – April 30: sunrise to sunset; May 1 – October 31, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM). No driving or parking of vehicles or trailers is permitted in the Natural Beach (non-driving) areas without explicit authorization from Volusia County.*

_____ *Fully protect all beach vegetation. Keep all event participants off the dune and dune vegetation.*

_____ *Protect the dune. The dune must not be altered either by direct means such as digging, excavation, or by heavy pedestrian traffic. All pedestrian access to the beach must be via vehicle access ramps or elevated dune crossovers. Removal of beach sand from the beach is prohibited.*

_____ *All equipment associated with the event and all trash generated by the event must be removed from the beach upon conclusion of each day's activities.*

_____ *Use of disposable Styrofoam items is prohibited.*

_____ *Use of toxic chemicals or materials is prohibited.*

_____ *No lighting can be used on the beach before sunrise or after sunset during Turtle Season.*

_____ ***ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE BETWEEN MAY 1ST AND OCTOBER 31ST:**

May 1st through October 31st is marine turtle nesting season. Non-profit sea turtle monitoring groups survey the beach each morning to identify and mark all turtle nesting activity. To prevent your event from causing accidental harm to unmarked sea turtle nests or to sea turtle hatchlings, you must contact the closest sea turtle monitoring group to coordinate early morning set-up of equipment for activities in advance of your event. For the north side of Ponce Inlet (from the Town of Ponce Inlet to Flagler County line) contact the Volusia Turtle Patrol at 386-366-4443 or volusiaturtlepatrol@gmail.com. For beaches south of Ponce Inlet (New Smyrna Beach area) contact Ecological Associates, Inc. at 772-334-3729 or niki@ecological-associates.com.