



# TURTLE NESTING SEASON

During the evening, the Community Improvement Officer conducts inspections of the beach. This inspection assists beachfront residents in complying with the City's Turtle Lighting Program.

## Turtle Lighting Program

1. No artificial light source shall illuminate areas where it may deter adult female sea turtles from nesting or disorient hatchlings.
2. The use of lighting for decorative and accent purposes, such as that emanating from spotlights or flood lights, is prohibited.
3. Please extinguish all lighting in rooms not being used, or CLOSE curtains and blinds to prevent spill light.
4. The use of lights for safety and security purposes SHALL be limited to the minimum number required to achieve their functional role.
5. Fixture lights SHALL be designed and/or positioned such that they do not cause direct illumination of areas seaward of the seawall and that only deflected light may be directly visible from ground level of the beach.
6. Wall-mounted fixtures, landscape lighting and other sources of lighting SHALL be designed and/or positioned such that light does not directly illuminate areas seaward of the seawall.
7. All lights on balconies SHALL be shielded from the beach.
8. Existing artificial light sources shall be repositioned, modified or replaced with modern alternatives so that deflected light may be visible at ground level from the beach and/or the light does not directly illuminate areas seaward of the seawall.
9. Removal of recreational equipment, such as lounge chairs, cabanas, umbrellas and boats, from the beach at night is required. These items can deter nesting attempts and prevent hatchlings from reaching the ocean.
10. Use your natural vision and moonlight when walking on the beach at night.
11. If you encounter a turtle on the beach at night, remain quiet, still and at a distance. Flash photography and human intervention may prevent her from nesting successfully.
12. Properly dispose of your garbage. Turtles may mistake plastic bags, styrofoam and trash floating in the water as food and die when trash blocks their intestines.



Remember



**TURTLE NESTING SEASON RUNS THROUGH OCTOBER 31**

Please contact the Community Improvement Office for further assistance.  
Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

### ***Did you know??***

*Sea Turtles are among the **LARGEST** living reptiles, most species having scales and a bony shell; all are cold-blooded, breathe air and lay eggs on land!*

*Sea Turtles are found throughout the world in temperate and tropical waters, and 6 species nest on U.S. beaches or are found in U.S. waters.*