

SEA TURTLE SAFETY 101

Be a good neighbor and do your part to keep sea turtles — and our beaches — healthy.

DO YOUR PART AND LET NESTING SEA TURTLES REST.

- Keep your distance from nesting sea turtles, and don't shine lights on them or take photos of them.
- Participate in a beach cleanup, volunteer your time to educate others and work with organizations that administer management, educational and research programs.
- If you see someone disturbing a sea turtle nest, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's 24-hour Wildlife Alert Hotline at: **888-404-FWCC (3922)**.

BRIGHT LIGHTS CAN CONFUSE HATCHLINGS, LEADING THEM TO DANGER.

- Plant native shrubbery on your property to block lights from beach view.
- Replace incandescent, fluorescent and high-intensity bulbs with the lowest-wattage, longest wavelength (amber or red LED) options available.
- If you're on the beach at night, enjoy the natural dark beach or, if you must use a flashlight, use a low power red LED light during nesting season.

CLEAR THE WAY AT THE END OF THE DAY.

- Throw all your trash, food and any other litter into covered trash cans.
- Return beach chairs, umbrellas, buckets and tents to your house or condo, rather than leaving them on the beach.

