

It's Turtle Season Again!

(March 1st through October 31st)



Please help our endangered sea turtles nest successfully!

Lights:

- **Turn-off lights or close blinds** on ocean facing windows on ALL floors where windows are visible from the beach
- Exterior **lighting visible from the beach should be shielded** to cast light down to the ground & use red or amber LED bulbs (which are less disruptive to turtles at night)
- **Do not use flashlights**, lanterns or flash photography on the beach at night.



On the Beach:

- Play in the sand and build castles, BUT - before you leave, **fill in the holes & knock down the castles!** (Holes, moats & castles can either prevent hatchlings from making it to the ocean, or hold them up, increasing their chances of being eaten by crabs, birds & raccoons)
- **Remove all furniture, toys umbrellas, etc. at night**
- **Avoid digging holes above the high water point in the sand.** This is where turtles nest. Holes in the beach at night can discourage females from nesting
- **Do not go out looking for a sea turtle at night**, your presence can disturb nesting sea turtles
- If you want to observe sea turtles nesting, sign up for a permitted walk. Visit this link to learn where:

<http://www.myfwc.com/education/wildlife/sea-turtle/where-to-view/>



A primary reason sea turtles are endangered is lost nesting areas due to residential & commercial development of beach areas. But they can still nest successfully with our help!