

Sea Turtle Season March 1st to October 31st

Sec. 26-823. - Shielding of light

All oceanfront property owners are required to ensure that no artificial light shall illuminate any area of the beach or water that may be used by nesting sea turtles and hatchlings. In order to accomplish this, the town requires that all lighting shall be positioned or shielded so that light is not visible from the beach or water during the period from March 1 through October 31 of each year.

Sec. 26-824. - Lighting owned by town and Florida Power and Light.

Street lights owned by the town and Florida Power and Light, and lighting on private or public rights-of-way, shall be subject to the following:

(1)

Such streetlights shall be located so that the bulk of their illumination will travel away from the beach and water. Such lights shall be equipped with shades or shields that will prevent backlighting and will render such lights not visible from the beach or water.

(2)

Lights on private or public rights-of-way shall be properly positioned or shielded; or, to the extent the lights are determined by the town not to be necessary for public safety purposes, shall not be utilized during the period March 1 to October 31 of each year.

Sec. 26-827. - Beach cleaning activities.

The town requires that mechanical beach cleaning activities be conducted so as not to damage, alter or destroy sea turtle nests or hatchlings. If the town receives complaints and has probable cause to suspect that mechanical beach cleaning activities have damaged, altered or destroyed sea turtle nests or hatchlings, the town shall promptly notify the state department of environmental protection or other applicable state or federal regulatory agencies to request enforcement actions.

ONCE TURTLE SEASON BEGINS; IN ANTICIPATION OF A HURRICANE WATCH, WARNING OR ACTUAL HURRICANE, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN STAIRS OR STAIRWELLS BE UNBURIED FROM THE SAND TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE BEACH.