

# 6 WAYS TO BE A SEA TURTLE HERO



## PICK UP TRASH

Properly dispose of any trash you bring to or find on the beach. Plastic bags, balloons, and other debris may be mistaken as food by sea turtles. Excess fishing line can entangle and drown sea turtles.



## LEAVE NO TRACE

Each night remove beach furniture and recreation items for nesting sea turtles. Sea turtles can't back up and do not move easily on land. Obstacles can cause them to abandon nesting, become trapped or injured.



## LEAVE IT FLAT

Fill in any large holes dug in the sand, knock down sandcastles and beach art so adult and hatchling sea turtles are not harmed. Any obstacle creating an obstruction may cause:

- Adult sea turtles to abandon nesting
- Entrapment or injury
- Hatchlings not making it into the water



## DO NOT DISTURB

Do not disturb nests, markers, signs, or tracks. If you see a nesting sea turtle or hatchlings, stand still behind the sea turtle, stay out of their line of sight and observe quietly. Call \*FWC to report the sighting. Do not use flashlights or flash photography.



## LIGHTS OUT

Sea turtles need the dark to nest and find their way back to the water. Minimize artificial lighting and sea turtle disorientation by:

- Drawing beachfront curtains & shades so interior lights are not visible at night
- Turning off outside lights after dusk
- Using sea turtle-safe red lights
- NOT using flashlights on the beach at night



## TELL OTHERS

You can help sea turtles by recruiting more super heroes like you! Share these 6 tools with others, and inspire them to be heroes too!

- Help keep the beach clean
- Ensure the beach is flat
- Remove all items
- Omit light from the beach
- Educate others
- Share the shore responsibly!

**TOGETHER, WE ARE GIVING SEA TURTLES MORE TOMORROWS**



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