

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE



Every **Wednesday**,  
Additional collection on  
**Saturday** seasonally\*

## RECYCLING



Every **Wednesday** only

\*Seasonal Collection: May 1st to October 31st,  
No seasonal pail rentals

## DO's

- Put containers out the **night before** pick up
- Place containers in **visible** spot at end of driveway
- Put **only** household trash in the waste bin (no bulk items, yard debris, etc.)
- Place all trash in the bin — bags on the curb won't be picked up
- Pull in containers by **10 a.m.** the day after collection\*

\*Violations punishable by fine

## DON'Ts

- Put materials **contaminated** with food, grease, etc., in recycling
- Put **plastic bags** of any kind in recycling
- Throw disposable coffee cups or cutlery, greasy pizza boxes, or Styrofoam in recycling
- Guess on what's recyclable — when in doubt, throw it out!



Call Town Hall for general inquiries at 910-328-1349  
Need to report a violation? Call 910-328-0042

# BEACH RULES

FOR KEEPING THE BEACH  
SAFE AND CLEAN FOR ALL

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## REMOVE ALL BEACH EQUIPMENT DAILY

Unattended personal items and beach equipment left between 9:00 p.m. and 7 a.m. will be classified as abandoned property and will be removed and disposed by the town.

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## NO BEACH EQUIPMENT NEAR SEA TURTLE NESTS AND EMERGENCY ACCESSES

All beach equipment shall be set at least 20 feet from any sea turtle nest. No beach equipment shall be placed seaward of a sea turtle nest for a distance of 10 feet north and south of a direct line between the sea turtle nest and the Atlantic Ocean. No beach equipment may be placed within a 25-foot perimeter of an emergency access or any beach access point.

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## NO GLASS BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS

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## NO CAMPING OVERNIGHT

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## FILL IN HOLES DUG IN SAND

Please be mindful that unattended holes left on the beach can cause injury to others, especially as night falls. Nesting sea turtles can also fall into them and get stuck until rescued. Please be sure you fill in any holes before you leave them unattended.

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## STAY OFF THE DUNES

Walking on the dunes deteriorates vegetation that helps hold sand in place and prevent erosion and breaches in the dunes. These breaches allow floodwaters to move inland during storms. Please use authorized, marked crossovers or designated beach accesses. There is a \$500 fine for walking on dunes.

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## NO HARD OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS AND FORTIFIED WINES

Some types of alcohol such as malt beverages (like beer) and unfortified wines (wine coolers) may be consumed on the public beach by those of legal age (no glass bottles). Hard or spirituous liquors and fortified wines are prohibited for display and consumption in public, without a State permit. The consumption of any type of alcohol is prohibited at the Town Park and County Beach Accesses.

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## NO OPEN FIRES OR CHARCOAL GRILLS

All fires must be contained in a small gas grill.

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## NO FIREWORKS

Fireworks that detonate or explode, make a loud report, propel themselves through the air, or are not otherwise authorized by G.S. 14-414 of the North Carolina criminal code are illegal and are not allowed on North Topsail Beach regardless of where they are purchased. There are several professional fireworks displays located in the surrounding communities a short drive away from North Topsail Beach during the Independence Day holiday.

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## DOGS MUST ALWAYS BE LEASHED

The leash is not to be longer than 25 feet in length (retractable). Please immediately remove all excrement and place it in the proper receptacle. Violations are punishable by a fine of \$100. Please do not leave animals locked in unattended vehicles with no provisions or climate control, as it is detrimental to their health. Cruel and inhumane treatment of animals will result in the responsible party being charged with applicable violations.

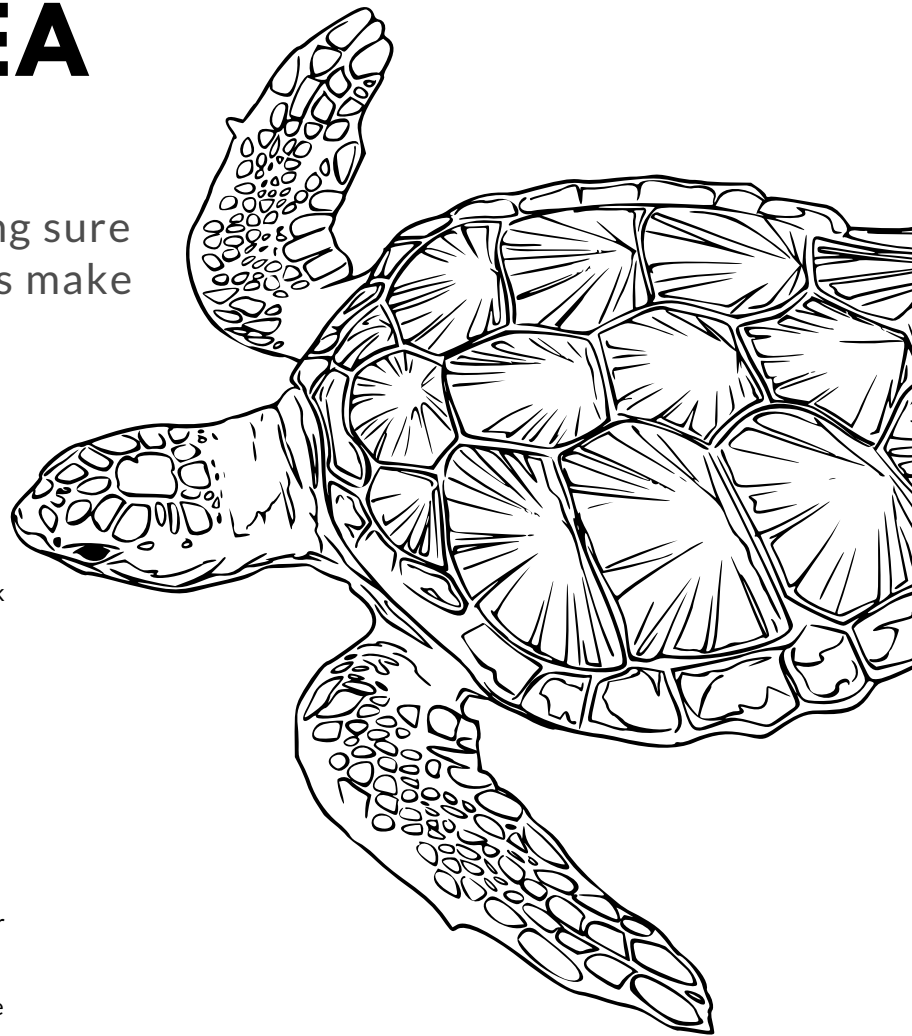
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## STAY OFF THE SANDBAGS

There is a \$100 fine for walking, running, swimming, boating, or placing items on any sandbag revetments.

# SAVE THE SEA TURTLES

Best beach practices for making sure sea turtle moms and hatchlings make it back to the ocean safely.



## 1 TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS

If you're on beachfront property, turn out your outside lights and close your curtains. Baby sea turtles follow the moon to get back to the ocean, so bright lights visible from the beach draws them to the dunes where predators can capture them. If you're lucky enough to see a sea turtle nest boil, remember to not shine lights directly on the hatchlings. Their eyes are sensitive!

## 2 TAKE IN YOUR CHAIRS

When you're done with the sand and surf for the day, take all your beach equipment with you. Hatchlings are no bigger than your palm, so umbrellas, chairs, and toys are huge obstacles.

## 3 LEVEL THE SAND

Be sure to knock down sand castles and fill in holes before leaving the beach. Female sea turtles returning to the beach to lay their nest can run into them and get stuck.

## 4 KEEP THE BEACH CLEAN

Take in all trash once you leave. Even when you're not on the beach, avoid purchasing and using plastic. Sea turtles big and small can mistake plastic for food, which if eaten can injure and ultimately kill them. If you have to use plastic, dispose of it properly and don't litter!

## SAVE THE DATE

May to November is sea turtle nest season!  
Peak months run from June to August

### SEA TURTLE FACTS

- Sea turtles lay an average of 120 eggs in one nest
- Eggs incubate in the sand for an average of 60 days
- It can take as little as 10 minutes for all hatchlings to make it to the ocean once a nest boil begins
- Females return to the beach they hatched on to lay their own nests

Visit the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle and Recreation Center in Surf City to learn more.

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