

# BEACH RULES

FOR KEEPING THE BEACH  
SAFE AND CLEAN FOR ALL



## 1 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.

## 2 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.

## 3 NO GLASS BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS

## 4 NO CAMPING OVERNIGHT

## 5 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.

## 6 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.

## 7 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.

## 8 NO OPEN FIRES OR CHARCOAL GRILLS

All fires must be contained in a small gas grill.

## 9 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.

## 10 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.

## 11 STAY OFF THE SANDBAGS

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