



Town of Fort Myers Beach Public Notice:

SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON MAY 1st to OCTOBER 31st

Eliminate Your Light Pollution for Sea Turtle Survival. Conventional lighting scares females from nesting & disorients sea turtle hatchlings away from the Gulf leading to exhaustion, dehydration, and death from falling into storm drains, passing cars, and predators. **What can we do to help our sea turtles survive?**

- Turn Off Unnecessary Lights
- Use Sea Turtle Friendly Light Fixtures & Bulbs
- Do Not Use Flashlights and Phone Lights on the Beach
- No Fireworks on the Beach
- Remove Obstructions from The Beach at Night
 - Fill in Holes on the Beach before You Leave
 - Remove Beach Furniture & Cabanas at Night

Lights on the Beach must be Long Wavelength, Downward Directed, & Shielded.
ALL 3 CRITERIA MUST BE MET TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.

LONG WAVELENGTH

Not All Yellow Bulbs Are Made Equal. Use bulbs that specify 560 nanometer or greater wavelength, or just look for the FWC Wildlife Friendly Certification. Do not use bug lights or party bulbs.

DOWNWARD DIRECTED

Replace non-directional fixtures with directional fixtures that point down and away from the beach.

SHIELDED

Beachside Shields are to Cover At Least 270° & Extend Below the Bottom Edge of the Fixture on the Gulf Side, so that the Light Source and any Reflective Surface of the Light Fixture is Not Visible from the Beach.

Interior Lights Must Be Shielded Too!

- Use Opaque Curtains & Draw Them Close After Sunset
- Apply a window tint or film with a 15% inside to outside transmittance
- Turn Off Unnecessary Inside Lights & Relocate Lamps Away from Windows

Have Questions? Want To Schedule Light Inspection? Contact Chadd: chadd@fmbgov.com

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