

Sea turtle nesting season begins May 1

Artificial lights can discourage female turtles from nesting on the beach. Hatchlings can become disoriented and crawl toward artificial light, wasting important energy and causing them to become vulnerable to threats including predators.

Please follow these important lighting guidelines during nesting season, May 1 to October 31:

Inspect your property from the beach at night to ensure it meets Volusia County's Lighting Ordinance, which is enforced from May 1 to October 31.

Make sure no source of light from your property is visible or illuminates the beach at night. Problem fixtures can be shielded, redirected or modified so light sources and reflective surfaces are not visible from the beach.

Interior lights should not be visible from the beach. To protect sea turtles, close blinds or curtains at sunset, move lamps away from windows, and/or turn off unnecessary lights.

For more information, assistance, free educational material, or a copy of the lighting ordinance, visit volusiaseaturtles.org or contact Sea Turtle Lighting Compliance staff at **386-238-4773** or cspPhillips@volusia.org.

Volusia County's nesting sea turtles



Green sea turtle



Loggerhead sea turtle



Leatherback sea turtle