

Keep sea turtles in the dark

Types of lighting known to disorient sea turtles:

- » Porch lights – houses, deck and other exterior lighting on residences and businesses
- » Interior lighting visible through the windows on residences and businesses that face the water
- » Streetlights
- » Parking lot lights
- » Residential utility pole lights
- » Stairwells and walkway lighting

If a light is visible from a known sea turtle nesting beach during nesting season, the local code enforcement board or the police should be notified. Many coastal communities in Florida have ordinances that restrict or prohibit beachfront lighting during nesting season. Check with your county or municipality to see if these organizations have adopted a sea turtle lighting ordinance.



Hatchlings emerge at night as a group from their nests and scurry down the beach to the sea.

Solutions

- » Reduce the number of lights near nesting beaches to a minimum
- » Turn off unnecessary lights, redirect, lower, shield or hide visible lights
- » Consider using motion-detecting lights
- » To block indoor light from reaching beaches, apply window tint and keep drapes drawn

Visit myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/lighting/certified for more information on lighting options.

If you have an outdoor light installed by FPL, call FPL for more information on options and associated costs at 1-800-DIAL FPL.



Turtle-friendly lights include the one shown here, which concentrates light downward, reducing the amount of light that can disorient hatchlings on their way to the ocean.

Our environmental promise

At FPL, we understand that caring for the environment is just as important as providing customers with affordable, reliable power, now and in the future.

This is reflected in our efforts to protect the air we breathe, the water and land we use and the plants and animals that share our planet. As a clean-energy company, we're committed and dedicated to minimizing our impact on the environment and the place we all call home.

FPL and the NextEra Energy family of companies embrace an environmental policy that is part of a company-wide Code of Business Conduct & Ethics. Every year, company officers and managers reaffirm this pledge in writing.

Our promise in action

Our passion for protecting the environment is very personal. After all, we live here too. That's why we work closely with federal, state and community organizations to help minimize impacts on natural resources and protect the Sunshine State's wild treasures.

In addition, we're constantly working to improve our standards by building cleaner power plants.

Through our environmental programs, we're helping to minimize habitat loss from construction and reduce water use. We work every day to make Florida a better place for all of us, by supporting programs that make nesting environments better for our wild treasures like Florida's sea turtles.

For more information on Florida's sea turtles and other Florida wildlife, please visit www.FPL.com/seaturtles



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When sea turtles hatch, they orient themselves toward the ocean by looking for the brightest horizon — an important survival instinct that is threatened by artificial lighting on homes and businesses near nesting beaches.

Sea turtles need help from humans who live and work near nesting beaches. While eliminating all lighting near beaches is not always practical or safe, there are ways to reduce our impact with little to no inconvenience. Find out more at www.FPL.com/seaturtles






How you can help protect hatchlings

If you see a turtle hatchling that is wandering away from the ocean:

- » Allow the turtle to crawl into the ocean on its own once it is redirected to the water
- » Lethargic turtles should be taken to a local sea turtle rehabilitation center
- » In all other cases, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission representatives should be notified at (888) 404-3922

Legend

Florida's most common turtle nesting species

-  Loggerhead nesting areas
-  Green turtle nesting areas
-  Leatherback nesting areas

County Nesting season: March 1–Oct. 31

County Nesting season: May 1–Oct. 31

20 MILES

