

Sea Turtle Season (Taken Very Seriously)

The Town of Melbourne Beach as well as Brevard County has a Lights out for Sea Turtles ordinance effective May 1 – October 31 that requires all lights visible from the beach to be either covered, blocked, moved, or turned off after 9 p.m. This includes flashlights, cellphones, and red lights. Never approach or touch a nesting sea turtle. Keep lights off, stay back, and be quiet. If she is disturbed, she may return to the ocean without laying eggs, or may leave before covering her nest completely. Allow hatchlings to crawl on their own to the ocean. Turtles imprint on the beach that they hatch on and picking them up could interfere with this natural process. Do not remove hatchlings or eggs from a nest.