



Emerald Isle Police Department BEACH RULES AND REGULATIONS



COMMONLY VIOLATED TOWN ORDINANCES:

1. STAY OFF THE SAND DUNES!
2. Public nudity is **PROHIBITED**.
3. Dogs are required to be on a leash **AT ALL TIMES**, even when in the water.
4. The collection and disposal of pet feces is **MANDATORY**.
5. Burying pet feces in the sand is **PROHIBITED**.
6. Camping on the beach is **PROHIBITED**.
7. Burning and cooking fires are **PROHIBITED**.
8. If you dig a hole, it **MUST** be filled in prior to departing the beach.
9. Fireworks that fly, spin or explode are illegal in North Carolina and **PROHIBITED**.
10. Spirituous liquor or fortified wine on the beach strand is **PROHIBITED**.
11. Littering is **PROHIBITED**.
12. Jumping from the pier is **PROHIBITED**.
13. Leaving beach equipment unattended overnight is **PROHIBITED**.

Violation of these ordinances can carry a penalty involving fines ranging between \$50 and \$500, mandatory court appearances or arrest.



Warning Flag System



YELLOW FLAGS indicate moderate hazards and that some rip current activity is expected. You should use caution if entering the water.



RED FLAGS indicate dangerous rip current activity is expected and rip currents are likely to be stronger and more frequent. It is recommended that you stay out of the water.



DOUBLE RED FLAGS indicate the ocean is closed for swimming and you can be fined or arrested for entering the water.



PURPLE FLAGS indicate an abundance of potentially hazardous marine life in the vicinity, including Portuguese man-o-war, jellyfish, and other creatures.

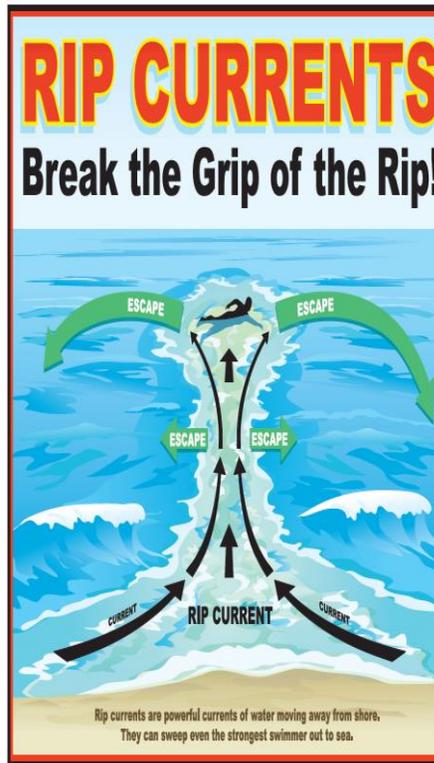
May 1st through October 31st

Sea Turtle Nesting & Hatching Season in Emerald Isle

You can help protect these endangered turtles by:

1. **FILLING IN ALL HOLES** your children dig. Mother turtles can get stuck AND people walking at night can be seriously injured.
2. **REMOVING** tents, toys and beach gear overnight. Obstructions can cause mother turtles to turn back and discard her eggs into the ocean.
3. **KEEPING OUTSIDE LIGHTS OFF** at night. Lights disturb mother turtles trying to lay and can cause baby turtles to head inland rather than toward the ocean, which is where they need to be to survive.
4. **PICKING UP TRASH**, especially plastic bags. Turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish, which is their main food source and can get sick.
5. **FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL** in North Carolina. The noise from fireworks can keep mother turtles from coming ashore to nest and disturbs baby turtles during hatching.
5. **CALLING THE POLICE** at 252-354-2021 if you see a nesting turtle, a hatching nest or anyone disturbing a turtle nest area.

If you see a nest hatching, PLEASE avoid using flash photography or flashlights!
Sit down, STAY QUIET and enjoy the show!!!



Rip Current Safety

1. **Know how to swim.**
2. **NEVER swim alone.**
3. **If in doubt, Don't go out!**

If you are caught in a rip current.

1. **DO NOT Panic!** Remaining calm is your best chance for survival.
2. **Relax and swim parallel to the shoreline.** Rip currents don't take you under, they take you out. But most are only about 50 meters wide, so if you swim parallel to the shoreline, you will eventually swim out of the rip current and you can then swim back to shore.
3. **Don't exhaust yourself!** If you feel yourself getting tired, float on your back or tread water, then wave and yell for help.

**REMAINING CALM IS THE KEY
WHEN CAUGHT IN A RIP!**

