

Tips from

MOTE MARINE LABORATORY'S SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION & RESEARCH PROGRAM

SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS APRIL 15 – OCTOBER 31

- Fill in holes and knock down sandcastles • Pick up trash •
- Remove beach furniture at night • Respect marked sea turtle nests •
- Make sure you are aware of your local sea turtle ordinances •
- Stay off the beach at night during nesting season •
- Keep all lights off the beach, including flashlights, fireworks, and fishing lights •



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Adopt a nest to support sea turtle conservation!
To learn more, email us at: turtldata@mote.org



Sea turtle hatchlings heading home do best when left alone!



For sea turtles in need, who you gonna call?

If you observe a sea turtle nest that has been negatively impacted in some way or hatchlings that appear to be injured or are heading away from the water

Call Mote's Sea Turtle Conservation & Research Program (STCRP) at (941) 388-4331

If you observe a nest being vandalized or a sea turtle being harassed

Call Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at (888) 404-3922

If you encounter a sea turtle nesting in the daytime

Take photos (no flash!) and call the STCRP at (941) 388-4331

If you encounter any sick, injured, or dead sea turtles or marine mammals

Call Mote's Stranding Investigations Program's 24-hour pager at (941) 988-0212

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