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**TIME TO REVIEW THOSE KEY BEACH LAWS...**

**Shading Devices**

- May 15-September 15:  
Use only umbrellas with a circular canopy of up to 9 feet in diameter. NO tents, tarps, cabanas, pavilions, sport-brellas or similar devices, or any other material mounted on supports.
- Shading devices no larger than 36 inches high, 36 inches wide and 36 inches deep allowed year-round on the beach only to shelter persons 18 months old or younger.
- No shading device on beach before 8am daily and remove before 7pm daily.
- Locate all shading devices at least 25 feet seaward of dune line.
- Do not place within 10 feet of lifeguard stands.



**Basic Laws**

- No littering (fines up to \$1,000).
- No alcohol, glass containers, fireworks.

- Swim within 50 yards of shore, max depth shoulder height.
- All watercraft must operate 100 yards or more offshore.
- Stay off sand dunes.
- Do not damage sea oats and sand fencing.
- No horses on the beach.

### **Dogs On the Beach**

- May 15-September 15, 9am-5pm, no dogs on the beach. Leash law in effect at all times. Max leash length 7 feet.
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.

### **Surfing**

- May 15-September 15, 9am-4pm, surfing allowed only in designated areas.

### **Laser Pointers**

- Illegal to provide laser pointers in any manner to anyone under age 17.
- Illegal for anyone under age 17 to possess laser pointer except within the permanent residence of that minor or under direct supervision of parent, guardian or teacher, who also take full responsibility for its possession and use under the law, and also bear the full consequences of its misuse.
- Illegal for any person of any age to point a laser pointer at any person, animal (including nest and habitat), vehicle (land, air and sea), structure so as to be visible within structure, mirror or other reflecting surface so as to redirect or amplify beam to accomplish any of the above.

### **Digging Holes on the Beach**

-- If you dig a hole on the beach more than 12 inches deep, you must fill it in before you leave the beach.

### **Single-Use Plastics on the Beach**

-- Please consider not bringing single-use plastic bags, straws, cups and other single-use plastic products on to the beach. If you do bring them, please take them with you when you leave the beach. This helps protect marine life and wildlife, and keeps our beach, ocean and marshes clean.

### **Lifeguard Safety Flags**

- Green: Safe to swim.
- Yellow: Swim with caution.
- Red: Dangerous conditions, max swimming depth knee deep.
- Double Red Flags: Beach closed, no swimming.
- Purple Flag: Dangerous aquatic life, ask lifeguard before entering the water.