

# Sea Turtle season is May 1 – October 31



**SAVING SEA TURTLES**  
*It's A Way of Life*



Sea Turtles nest on Hilton Head Island beaches in the darkness to avoid overheating and disturbance. They are distracted by interior and exterior lights from beach front houses. Hatchlings are emerging from their sandy nests July - October and are attracted to lights left on at night when they should be headed out to the ocean. In 2017, almost 4,000 hatchlings from 38 nests were lost to beachfront lighting violations. Please help us keep this endangered species safe on our beach!

## YOU CAN HELP!

- Draw your shades and turn off exterior lights after 10 pm
- Fill in holes at the beach so that hatchlings don't fall in!
- Leave nests and nesting sea turtles undisturbed
- Pick up litter on the beach
- Remove obstacles such as beach chairs and tents
- Spread the word for sea turtle conservation
- Like us on Facebook – HHI Sea Turtle Protection Project

