



LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

We know you love our beach!

Each of us is responsible for protecting and preserving it, and the cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach strive to provide a safe, clean, family-friendly environment for everyone visiting. To help you do your part, here are some tips for enjoying our coast responsibly, along with some rules, regulations and resources.

Beach Rules & Regulations

The following are regulated by local, state or federal laws or ordinances that are enforced on our beaches. Enjoying our coastline responsibly ensures a more positive experience for you and helps ensure the safety of all our visitors and the sustainability of our natural resources.



Any structures or equipment left on the beach an hour after sunset will be removed and disposed of by beach patrol (except for permitted beach services).



Individual lodging properties and land owners may allow tents and shelters in designated areas during the day. Learn the rules for your stretch of beach.



These items are not allowed on our beaches:

- ✗ Glass containers
- ✗ Metal shovels or excessive digging
- ✗ Litter
- ✗ Tents or structures larger than 7' X 7'
- ✗ Overnight camping
- ✗ Fireworks
- ✗ Firearms
- ✗ Fires
- ✗ Pets
- ✗ Vehicles



Keep off the dunes. Staying off the dunes will help us to preserve our dune system and the habitat it provides. Use beach walkovers and boardwalks where provided.



Observe and obey the Beach Warning Flag System. (See right.) Double red flags mean the waters are closed for your safety.



Be respectful of private property beyond the bounds of your lodging property.

Call 251-968-TIDE (8433) or 251-981-SURF (7873) for current surf conditions.

Beach Warning Flag System



Low Hazard
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution



Medium Hazard
Moderate Surf and/or Currents



Dangerous Marine Life



High Hazard
High Surf and/or Strong Currents



Water Closed to the Public

For more sustainability resources, information on updated city rules and regulations and the latest from www.cleanisland.org. Leave only footprints!