

# LIGHTS



# OUT!



## ...Sea turtles dig the dark

Beachfront lighting and other forms of LIGHT POLLUTION:

Discourages nesting sea turtles

Disorients sea turtle hatchlings

Disrupts nocturnal wildlife

but...YOU CAN HELP!!!

- Turn off or shade your house, porch, and portable lights at night!
- Place security lighting on motion sensors.

Having a light suddenly turn on can be effective security and will also save on energy costs!

- If the lights are not needed for safety, simply turn them off.
- If the lights cannot be turned off, use the guidelines below to help minimize your impact.

As a general rule-of-thumb: **KEEP IT LOW, KEEP IT SHIELDED, KEEP IT LONG!**

Keep It Low...

Use downlighting with low mounting height and low bulb wattage.

Keep It Shielded...

Close your curtains or blinds after dark. Use full cut-off fixtures or vegetation to direct the light away from the beach and to the ground. Shield fixtures so you cannot see the bulb.

Keep it Long...

Use **RED**, **AMBER**, or **YELLOW** bulbs or color filters. Sea turtles and other wildlife are less disturbed by longer wavelengths of light.

