

# HOW YOU CAN HELP BABY TURTLES TO THE GULF

## TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS

Lights that shine onto a nesting beach can draw turtle hatchlings away from the ocean and off the beach, where they have a slim chance of survival. Beach lights can also scare away females crawling ashore to nest.



## FILL IN BEACH HOLES

Baby turtles can fall in and  
can't get out.



## TAKE IN YOUR BEACH ITEMS

Beach chairs and toys can  
block baby turtles from  
getting to the water.



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**If you find an unmarked nest call  
941-778-5638 with the exact location.  
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