

# STFC Environmental Requirements

STFC entities must meet four categories of sea turtle friendly environmental requirements; Education, Lighting, Sustainability, and Natural Beaches.

## ✓ Education-

### 1. Educational material must be provided/displayed in the establishment.

- No style or brand is required, material can be presented in any way the entity desires so long as the material remains factually correct and is visible to guests, and easy to read. Get creative!
- The templated provided by CCinc may be used in lue of creating one.
  - Additional educational material allowed but must be approved by a TFC specialist for factual correctness prior to display
- Educational material locations must be explained on submitted plans.
  - Materials/displays must be visible to guests.

### 2. Social Media Post Requirements

- At least 2 educational posts on the entity's social account(s).
  - Relative schedule of required posts.
    - Start of the nesting season (Feb/March)
    - Peak of the nesting season (June/July)
  - Must tag CCinc in all relevant posts and use certification hashtags provided.



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## 3. Certification Logo Requirements

- Applicants are required to post the TFC Candidate logo on their website.
- Applicants are required to post the TFC Candidate logo on the property.
- TFC Candidate Logo can be printed on any materials (sticker, plaque, frame, etc.)

## ✓ Lighting-

1. Detailed explanation of how the entity will follow state recommended guidelines. "Keeping lights long, keep lights low, keep lights shielded."

2. Obey all local lighting ordinances (Times of Day and Times of Year).

3. It is encouraged that relevant engineered lighting plans be submitted.

- Submittal should include a visual to show compliance with the State recommended guidelines and local lighting ordinance(s).
- The plan should include: Locations of lights, number of fixture types, and bulb wavelengths used.
- If possible, show receipts or similar of newly purchased turtle friendly compliant lights.

4. Written summary of how interior lights will be mitigated and the exterior lights scheduled.



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## ✓ Sustainability-

**1. Plan must provide an alternative to replace or not provide single-use plastics for the following products, to-go containers, straws, cups, utensils, bags, by the start of the application process (March).**

- Recommended plastic alternative options can be found in our Plastic Alternatives Catalog\*\*

**2. Recycling is required.**

- Plans must include a visual for proposed recycling bin locations.
- Must be easily accessible and available to guests in convenient locations.
- Invoices from a recycling contract or proof showing the final destination of recyclable materials removed appropriately from the property must be provided.

## ✓ Natural Beaches-

**1. "Natural Beaches Defined": The sandy portion of the beach that is free from man-made debris/trash, and all obstructions (i.e. beach furniture, umbrellas) every night.**

- Written and visual describing/showing how and when obstructions will be removed and the beach will be leveled to the natural profile daily.

**2. Provide the proposed dates, locations, materials to be used, and advertisements for the minimum of 1 coastal cleanup each year.**

- You may join forces with another organization to host your annual cleanup.

