

TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND



BEACH RULES AND REGULATIONS

800 Coastal Highway
Fenwick Island, DE 19944
302-539-3011

Beach Patrol. Fenwick Island Beach Patrol coverage extends from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The FIBP enforce all beach rules & regulations.

Beach Access Assistance. The Beach Patrol provides access to the beach using a vehicle to transport people with disabilities, injuries or the elderly on to and off of the beach. This service is provided between 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. only. There is also a beach wheelchair available if you prefer. To utilize this service, you may call the beach patrol phone at 302-642-6942.

Alcoholic Beverages. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the beach from May 15-September 15.

Animals. No pets or other animals are permitted on the beach at anytime between May 1-September 30.

Bonfires. Permits for bonfires are issued at the Police Department.

- ❖ A permit fee and deposit are required for a bonfire.
- ❖ The deposit shall be returned ONLY if the general area of the beach where the bonfire was held is satisfactorily cleaned and restored.
- ❖ No bonfires are permitted when a state burning ban is in effect or when wind is in an easterly direction to protect houses and sand dunes.
- ❖ Bonfires must be safely and reasonably located at least 50' away from any combustible item (i.e., sand fence, dune grass, buildings).
- ❖ Bonfires are allowed on the beach after 5:00 p.m. and must be extinguished no later than 11:00 p.m. All participants must be off the beach by midnight.

Fishing. Fishing from the beach is prohibited while lifeguards are on duty.

Glass Containers. Glass containers are prohibited on the beach at all times.

Parking. All parking on Town streets and beach ends, including handicapped spaces, requires a permit from May 15-September 15.

Sleeping. No sleeping on any part of the beach within the corporate limits of the Town between 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m.

Smoking. Smoking is prohibited on the beach. This includes the burning, heating, inhaling or exhaling of a cigarette, cigar, pipe or other product or device that contains tobacco, herbs, or marijuana including the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers.

Soliciting. Selling or soliciting on any part of the beach is not allowed unless approved by the Town Council.

Umbrellas/Tents. At no time shall umbrellas and beach tents be located in an area obscuring the lifeguards view of the ocean, in an area impeding lifeguards egress from a lifeguard stand, or in an area impeding access for emergency vehicles, as determined by the Lifeguard Captain or acting officer of the FIBP.

- ❖ Umbrellas shall be no greater than 8' in diameter and 8' in height.
- ❖ Tents shall be open on no less than 3 sides and shall be a maximum of 10' x 10' and 8' in height. Grounding lines, ropes, or similar anchoring devices shall be placed within the confines of the tent. Tents shall be secured so that uncontrolled movement of the tent is restricted. All such grounding devices shall not endanger beach patrons. Tents must be placed a minimum of 10' apart.
- ❖ Tents and umbrellas are allowed on the beach from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. only. These items, if left unattended and/or remaining on the beach during the prohibited hours, will be classified as abandoned and may be removed and discarded.
- ❖ FIBP shall have the authority to enforce the above and also prohibit the use of umbrellas and tents in unsafe weather conditions such as high winds, storms, or high surf conditions.

Vessels.

- ❖ Launching or beaching of non-motorized vessels is prohibited while lifeguards are on duty.
- ❖ Launching or beaching of motorized vessels is prohibited. The operation of a motorized vessel within 100 feet of the beach is prohibited.
- ❖ Storing a boat on the beach is prohibited.
- ❖ Any inflatable or solid floatation device deemed to be unsafe or a hazard to public safety by a lifeguard is prohibited. Unless prohibited by a lifeguard, the following devices are allowed: inflatable rafts, boogie boards, noodles, inner tubes, surfboards less than 4' in length (with a leash attached to the rider in a nonstanding position).

If you would like any further information on any of these topics, please contact the Fenwick Island Police Department at:
302-539-2000
Or Town Hall at:
302-539-3011