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.

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

For more sustainability resources, information on updated city rules and regulations and the latest from www.cleanisland.org. Leave only footprints!
We want to preserve the incredible beauty and health of our beaches so we can all enjoy our coastal resources for years to come. While you are here, you can help to protect the Island by doing the following during your stay:

- **Dispose of all your trash and garbage properly.** You can even pick up others’ trash along the way. Fish, birds, sea turtles and mammals can become entangled in fishing line. Plastic bags floating in the water resemble jellyfish; sea turtles can mistakenly eat them. You could even plan a visit during the Annual Coastal Cleanup each September. Help keep our beaches clean.

- **Recycle** – Put your recyclable items in the blue recycling cans, where provided.

- **Avoid walking on vegetation; plant roots hold the fragile dunes together.**

- **Explore away from bird nesting areas.** Human presence can frighten adult birds causing them to leave their young unattended. Nests may be located in the ground and camouflaged to resemble the surrounding environment; you can easily step on them.

- **Invest in a reusable bag to carry your shopping purchases to avoid using plastic bags.** You’ll be stylish and create less waste!

- **Keep the natural ecosystem intact by not digging holes and by avoiding the removal of shells, driftwood or other items you may find during your island explorations.**