



Welcome to Georgetown County, South Carolina

BEACH REGULATIONS

To ensure the enjoyment of all please observe the following regulations

- NO LITTERING (depositing refuse on beach or in water is unlawful)
- NO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS
- NO GLASS CONTAINERS
- NO VEHICLES ON BEACHES OR DUNES
- NO OBSTRUCTION OF FREE ACCESS
 - NO TENTS, CABANAS OR OTHER ITEMS MAY BE LEFT OVERNIGHT
 - NO LOITERING ON BEACH ACCESSES
 - NO personal property allowed within 25 feet of any emergency beach access
- DOGS MUST BE LEASHED 9:00AM-7:00PM
 - (DOGS OFF LEASH MUST BE UNDER VOICE CONTROL)
- NO HORSES MARCH 1-OCTOBER 31
- NO NUDITY
- NO SLEEPING (midnight to sunrise)
- FISHING CREATING UNSAFE CONDITIONS is unlawful

BEACH ACCESS HOURS

- OPEN One hour before sunrise
- CLOSE April 15-October 31 — 10:00PM
 November 1-April 14 — 8:00PM

Georgetown County Beach Regulations are applicable on public beaches in the unincorporated areas of Georgetown County. Incorporated and private areas may have additional/different regulatory requirements.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is a permit required to hold a wedding on the beach?

A: In the unincorporated areas of Georgetown County, there is no permit required. However, these are public beaches, all beach regulations apply.

It is unlawful to use any beach access for any type of gathering.

Q: Can we have a bonfire on the beach?

A: Fires on the beach are allowed in unincorporated areas. However some communities restrict open burning and you should contact those communities before you decide to burn. In the unincorporated areas of Georgetown County, we ask that you follow these guidelines for fires on the beach:

- Call the SC Forestry Commission burn notification number at 1-800-986-5256 and follow the instructions.
- Call the Georgetown County Dispatch number at 843-527-6763 and inform them of the location of the burn and provide them with a contact number.
- Use 5-gallon bucket(s) to carry your wood to the beach.
- Bring a shovel/rake to create a shallow pit large enough to control the fire.
- Fill the 5-gallon bucket(s) with water as a means of controlling and extinguishing the fire.
- Do not leave the fire unattended at any time.
- Watch your embers to ensure they are not going into dry grass areas.
- Extinguish your fire, place the remaining wood coals in your 5-gallon bucket(s), and rake out your area.

Following these simple instructions will ensure that you, your family, and your friends have an uneventful and enjoyable time on the beach.

Q. Are fireworks permitted?

A. Many areas of Georgetown County's beaches are included in "fireworks free zones." If in doubt contact the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office at 843-546-5102 to check your area. Also note that debris produced from fireworks is considered litter. Those shooting fireworks are responsible for cleanup and removal from public beaches.

Q: How do I report a maintenance issue with a public beach access?

A: Please notify Georgetown County Parks & Recreation, 843-545-3532.

Q. Is overnight camping permitted on the beach?

A. Sleeping on public beaches in Georgetown County is prohibited between midnight and sunrise.

Q. Is fishing permitted on the beach?

A. Baiting or fishing at any time from public beaches in such a manner as to create an unsafe condition or hazard to bathers, swimmers, surfers and others in the water along public beaches shall be unlawful.

The SC Department of Natural Resources regulates fishing. License requirements vary. Contact SCDNR for up-to-date information concerning these requirements.

Q. Are vehicles permitted at beach accesses overnight?

A. Beach access parking is permitted only during the hours these accesses are open. No overnight parking is permitted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & LINKS

Code of Ordinances / Beach Regulation

<https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10834>

Dune Protection/Management

<https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10834>

Owners responsible for animal waste on public property

<https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10834>

Beach Lighting

<https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10834>

Establishing “fireworks free zone”

<https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10834>