

# **RESPECTING OUR BEACHES**

## **RULES & GUIDELINES FOR ANIMALS, FIRES AND LITTER**

The Beaches of East Hampton, from Wainscott to Montauk, are consistently rated among the most beautiful in the world. Maintaining this extraordinary resource is the responsibility of every resident and visitor to our beaches.

**With regard to animals, beach fire clean up and littering, it is also Town Law.**

### **DOGS ON BEACHES**

**Dogs are seasonally restricted** on East Hampton's public beaches, and their owners are held responsible. Restricted areas include: between the westerly boundary of the Town of East Hampton and the westerly boundary of the Village of East Hampton; the west side of Indian Wells to the east side of Atlantic Avenue; south of Napeague Lane; the westerly boundary of Camp Hero to the westerly boundary of Hither Hills State Park and at any paved road end 300' in either direction along bay beaches or 500' feet in either direction along the Atlantic Ocean from May 15th to Sept. 15th between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Dogs may traverse the beaches adjacent to paved road ends provided they are manually restrained within the 300' or 500' restricted area.

**Dogs are not permitted to run free!**

**Owners** must take whatever action is necessary to clean up after their animal. If you don't have the proper equipment, plastic bags are provided at some beach entrances. Place bag in receptacle or take home if no receptacle.

**Remove the droppings from the beach!**

Do not bury animal feces in the sand as this represents a serious health risk to beach users.

### **BEACH FIRES**

The Town of East Hampton allows small fires on the beaches, but they require attention both **during** the fire and **after** the fire is out.

**Please note the following regulations, which are strictly enforced:**

**Fires** should be positioned at least fifty (50) feet from any beach entrance, beach grass/vegetation, fence or permanent structure and at least one hundred (100) feet from any lifeguard stand.

If the beach is too narrow to allow compliance, not less than twenty-five (25) feet shall be the minimum setback.

**Fire size:** A beach fire should have a maximum diameter of thirty (30) inches and maximum height at grade of twenty-four (24) inches. Fires of larger dimension are considered "bon fires" and require a Burning Permit from the Fire Marshall's Office.

**Only clean wood** can be used for beach fires. No chemically treated wood or wood with paint or nails shall be used. Never throw bottles, cans, plastic or non-degradable materials of any kind into a fire.

**Beach fires must not be left unattended**, and must be extinguished completely with water. No fire should be started when the prevailing wind velocity exceeds twenty (20) miles per hour.

A Fire Marshall, Marine Patrol or Police Officer may require that a beach fire be extinguished when wind or other conditions present an increased fire hazard.

**Do not bury** burning coals or wood in the sand; these hot materials can continue to smolder and represent a serious risk of injury to other beach users. All burning, smoldering hot embers and wood must be removed from the beach and properly disposed of as well as all other debris and wood. No fire may be started, kindled or maintained prior to 5:00 pm and must be fully extinguished with water by 11:59 p.m.

## **LITTER**

Nothing can spoil a stroll on the beach like the sight of discarded soda or beer cans, wine or water bottles, cigarette butts, etc. Furthermore, broken glass and other discarded objects cause serious injury and health risks for people walking or playing in the sand. **No debris including natural materials such as trees, shrubs or brush may be placed or deposited on the beach.**

Deposit all personal litter in the trash barrels at the entrance to the Town's public beaches. If you are not close to a public beach entrance or if the receptacles are already full, please take your trash/litter with you when you leave the beach and dispose of properly.

**Note:** Beach parties attended by fifty (50) persons or more require a Mass Gathering permit, which can be obtained free of charge by application at the Fire Marshall's Office, 300 Pantigo Place.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

### **ANIMALS (DOGS)**

A first violation of Chapter 91-4.L(1) is punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$250, imprisonment up to 15 days or both. A second offence within 18 months is punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$500, imprisonment up to 15 days or both. A third offense within 18 months is punishable by a fine of not less than \$400 or more than \$1,000, imprisonment up to 15 days or both.

### **BEACH FIRES**

A violation of Chapter 141-19 is punishable by a fine of not more than \$250, imprisonment not to exceed 15 days or both.

### **LITTER**

A violation of Chapter 167-3 which deals with litter at public places is punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$1,000, imprisonment up to six months or both. A violation of all other Sections of Chapter 167 is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment of not more than 1 year, by fine of not more than \$1,000 or both and shall be subject to further civil penalties.

## **TO REPORT VIOLATIONS CALL**

**Animal Control: 324-0085 or 329-4373**

**Marine Patrol: 329-3078**

**Fire Marshall: 329-3473**

**Ordinance Enforcement: 324-3858**

**Police: 537-7575**