



**PLEASE -  
Leave only  
your foot  
prints  
in the sand!**

## What you can do to help:

- Bag your trash before placing it in trash containers. Unbagged trash often becomes litter due to our ocean breezes.
- Recycle everything you can using the information above to guide you to locations.
- Use reusable grocery bags instead of plastic bags that are harmful to the ecosystem.
- Do not release helium balloons - find another eco-friendly way to celebrate special occasions.
- Make sure to remove all your litter from the beach.
- Do not use the beach as an ashtray. Use a real ashtray or aluminum can and then dispose of it properly.
- If you are fortunate enough to have your pet on vacation with you, please bag all of your pet's waste.
- If you see litter, take a moment to pick it up. You'll feel good about your contribution to keeping the beach clean.

For more information:

Town of Holden Beach: [www.hbtownhall.com](http://www.hbtownhall.com)

Keep America Beautiful: [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org)

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Town of  
**Holden Beach**  
North Carolina



Welcome to the Town of Holden Beach, nationally recognized as one of the premier "Family Beaches" in the United States. We are primarily a residential community with a small commercial area. Holden Beach is a great place to relax, enjoy the beach and the natural wildlife that surrounds us. Come and enjoy paradise.

Since Holden Beach is a barrier island, we have a very sensitive environment. Pollution doesn't only affect the land but it affects the water too. Our beautiful beaches, marsh, and our unique coastal waters are precious natural resources and we need to keep them clean.

***We need your help to keep Holden Beach beautiful and it isn't that hard to do. Please use the information inside to help you do your part while here on vacation. We have included some facts about the effects of pollution on the environment and wildlife, information on trash and recycling, and a list of specific ways you can help.***

## Fast Facts - Did you know that...

- Plastic bags are a nightmare for coastal communities. Since they are so lightweight, they easily become windborne debris and can take many years to decompose.
- Plastic bags, helium balloons, and other plastics are mistaken by sea turtles for food (they look like jellyfish in the water) and can cause injury or death to these endangered species.
- Discarded monofilament fishing line can take tens or even hundreds of years to decompose and, in the meantime, can tangle itself around your boat propeller or, worse yet, marine life.
- Cigarettes do **not** fully decompose. The cellulose acetate filters can remain in our environment as long as other forms of plastic.
- Cigarette butts also present a threat to wildlife. Cigarette filters have been found in the stomachs of fish, birds, whales and other marine creatures who mistake them for food.
- A styrofoam cup can take up to 50 years to decompose.
- A single gram (about the size of a dime) of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria.
- When it rains, pet waste can run off into our waterways which contributes to shellfish bed closures and can even threaten human health.



## Trash Collection and Recycling at the Beach

**Trash Collection** - Trash is picked-up at the street every Tuesday. During June through September, it is picked up twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday.

Trash carts must be at the street by 6:00 a.m. on the pickup day. During June through September, carts on Ocean Boulevard ONLY will be rolled back to the front of the house. Carts on the rest of the Island will be rolled back out of the right-of-way or placed in the cart rack, so long as the cart rack is within the right-of-way.

**Commingled Recyclables** - The Holden Beach recycling center is located across from Town Hall at the end of Rothschild Street just west of the bridge. The following items are accepted and do not need to be separated when placed in the recycling container:

Newspapers	Brown glass
Magazines	Clear glass
Aluminum cans	Green glass
Steel cans	#1-7 Plastics
Bimetal cans	



**Plastic Bag Recycling** - Plastic bags cannot be recycled at the recycling center across from Town Hall. However, you can recycle them at the local Food Lion located at 1100 Sabbath Home RD SW. They have a small outside bin on the left side of the store, or you can hand your bags to them at the inside customer service desk. Bags collected by Food Lion are recycled by Hilex Poly Inc. to make new bags.

**Fishing Line Recycling** - If you like to fish and you tangle up your monofilament line, don't throw it away take it to be recycled at the Rod & Reel Shop on the left just across the bridge. Just give them your old line and they will ship it back to Berkley, a manufacturer of fishing tackle, who will then recycle the line.