

## BEACH WEDDINGS IN ATLANTIC BEACH

The suggested rules are as follows:

- 1) Between March 16th - October 1st, there can be no bright lights (including flash cameras) after dusk due to the turtle nesting season. You may not see the turtles, but that doesn't mean they might not be there and the lights disorient them.
- 2) No driving on the beach to place any chairs or anything that you may want out there.
- 3) The beach is public, so it is first come, first serve. You are not allowed to block off an area hours before the event just to save space. However, if you have someone that can sit out there, or set up beach chairs or something that looks like the space is "taken" by beach-goers, no-one should disturb it.
- 4) If there is an expectation that more than 50 people will be coming to either the wedding or reception in Atlantic Beach, a tent or canopy larger than 400 sq ft will be used (can be up to 700 sq feet if other requirements listed within the permit application are met), or fireworks are planned, a special event application needs to be completed and submitted to Town Hall. There is no fee for the application unless there will be amplified sound, which is any music played on a system with speakers (something other than a regular "boom box") for a \$10 permit fee, or there is a request for the tent/canopy (\$100 fee) or fireworks (\$100 fee). Please read the Special Event Application, which can be obtained on the Town's website.
- 5) No beverages or alcohol in glass bottles.
- 6) Remember to clean up the beach following the ceremony.
- 7) Please do not use flower petals on the beach. Rice and bird seed may cause some discontent with fellow beach-goers as the birds tend to flock. Bubbles are preferred and children love it!

Remember your marriage license. These are issued by the Carteret County Register of Deeds (252 728-8474) office. You may wish to call them to find out details of paperwork you will need to supply if that is where you plan to get your license.

Please visit the [Crystal Coast Tourism Authority website \(www.crystalcoastnc.org\)](http://www.crystalcoastnc.org) for helpful information concerning locations, marriage licenses, catering, florists, rentals, photographers, ministers, planners, receptions and entertainment.