

Being Green in Baja

Conserve, Conserve, Conserve

Baja is a desert, Water is scarce and Electricity is diesel generated. Turn off all lights when not in use. Minimize use of heaters and air conditioning. Rinse equipment only when necessary (for repairs or perhaps at the end of your stay).



Reuse and Reuse Again

Bring a Reusable Water Bottle with you. Only buy Refillable Beer Bottles or Aluminum Cans. Bring reusable or recycled bags shopping with you. Use rechargeable batteries for all your electronics.

Recycle and Make a Plan to Recycle

Only buy your soda and other drinks in Aluminum Cans instead of Plastic Bottles. They can be donated here and recycled to help the local schools. Take used batteries and ink cartridges back to the U.S. with you where they can be properly recycled. Have your oil changed at a reputable mechanic and ask how they recycle their oil.



Please Minimize use of disposable Plastic and Glass Bottles and avoid items that have Excessive Packaging. Trash is disposed of in an open dump, where it is burned. The plastics are especially bad for the air and any remaining soluble toxics will eventually end up in the sea...

Defend the Fragile Ecosystem

Everything we wash down the sink, flush down the toilet, or put on our gardens eventually ends up in the sea. Use only biodegradable laundry products, soaps, and shampoos. Avoid antibacterial soaps. Minimize your use of fertilizers and pesticides.



Do not drive Trucks, Quad-runners or Motorcycles on the living areas of the dune. The dune is fragile and the plant life is federally protected. If you must drive on the beach, always drive as close to the water line as practical.

Turtle season in Baja is from mid-July to mid-December. Female Turtles lay eggs just above the high water mark on the beach – near the base of the dune.

During this period, you may see many marked turtle nests on the beach.

Remember, there are unmarked turtle nests as well. The young turtles hatch after 50 to 60 days, from mid-September thru mid-December. The newly hatched turtles face many difficulties making their way to the water.



- Both the adults and newly hatched turtles are attracted to artificial lighting, sending them in the wrong direction. Turn off all unnecessary lighting at night. Use motion sensors for outdoor safety and landscaping lighting.
- They need a relatively smooth path to the beach and easily get stuck in the ruts from tires. They are forced to crawl parallel to the beach till exhausted and are easy target for birds.
- Turtles are sometimes ensnared in abandoned fishing line and netting. Do not throw tangled fishing line overboard, dispose of it properly and clean up any you might find.
- Turtles feed on jellyfish and often confuse plastics for food – which quickly kills them. Minimize use of plastic bags and clean up all plastics on the beach and in the arroyos.

Protect the Magic of Baja... Today and Always