

REMOVE IT OR LOSE IT

A new rule allowing the Police Department and beach cleaning crew to remove and dispose of any canopies, coolers, chairs, umbrellas or other equipment left overnight on Jamaica Beach.

Earlier this year, the Jamaica Beach City Council voted to approve an ordinance barring people from leaving personal property on public beaches between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Items left will be thrown away.

The "Leave No Trace" ordinance states that it is "unlawful for any person to leave an item of personal property unattended on the public beaches or within the public beach access areas between the hours of sunset and sunrise on the following day, except as otherwise permitted. Any item of personal property left on the public beach or within public beach access areas in violation of this section shall be deemed discarded by the owner, and may be removed, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of, accordingly by the city, or their designee's."

Beginning in November, the Police Department will be doing a 24 hour notification where the Police Department initially tags abandoned items and moves the items to the toe of the dune. If the items remain on the beach the following day, the items will be discarded.

Beginning on January 1, 2020 personal property left on Jamaica Beach between the hours of sunset and sunrise will be immediately removed and discarded.

Do your part to keep Jamaica Beach clean and leave no trace!