ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND ETIQUETTE GUIDE IN TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Welcome to Turks and Caicos, a nation Beautiful by Nature.

In order to preserve this beauty, please consider the following while visiting our beautiful islands and protected areas.

1. **REMOVE** all your trash from the beach including cigarette butts. Be mindful of the wind blowing trash into the sea.
2. **STAY** on the walkways to avoid walking on sand dunes and watch out for iguana burrows on the uninhabited cays.
3. **USE** ‘Reef Safe’ sunscreen whenever possible and allow time for all lotions to soak into the skin before going into the ocean. Non-biodegradable sunscreen is toxic to the coral reefs.
4. **DO NOT** remove corals, sand, shells and wildlife, whether dead or alive, from the beach or ocean. It is illegal.
5. **DO NOT** fish in protected areas such as National Parks and Nature Reserves. It is illegal to do so. This includes ‘catch and release’ fishing or hunting for conch and lobsters.
6. **DO NOT** feed the wildlife including fish, birds, and reptiles.
7. **DO NOT** harass or remove the marine life from the ocean, even if it appears dead.
8. **DO NOT** touch, stand on or kick the coral; it is a living animal and you will harm it.
9. **AVOID** kicking sand with your fins when snorkelling so that fine particles do not smother and choke living coral.