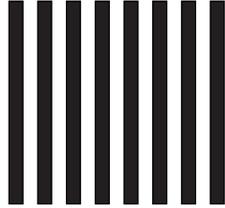


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### Basics of how to grow a better beach

- Vegetation helps stabilize the beach and provides habitat for some types of shorebirds.
- A balance between vegetation and bare sand is beneficial for humans and other animals.
- Raking specific corridors while leaving the rest of the beach unraked provides a good balance.
- You can help by bringing the benefits of limiting mechanical beach cleaning to the attention of decision-makers for your property.
- The FWC will send you a car magnet when you pledge to help reduce beach raking and grow a better beach. You can mail your commitment card to the following address:



Saltmeadow cordgrass

Dawn Whittington

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### To learn more about mechanical beach cleaning (or beach raking):

Go to [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) and search for "Mechanical Beach Cleaning Guidelines."

### To learn more about beach plants:

Go to [nrca.usda.gov](http://nrca.usda.gov) and search for "Coastal Dune Restoration."

Go to [dep.state.fl.us](http://dep.state.fl.us) and search for "Beach Plants."

### To learn more about shorebirds:

Go to [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) and search for "Shorebirds" or visit [flshorebirdalliance.org](http://flshorebirdalliance.org).



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