

Help Protect and Preserve the Lewes Dune

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The Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) and the City of Lewes are collaborating to clear the Lewes Beach dune of personal property and items that have been illegally stored on it. This harmful environmental practice threatens not only the dune's stability, but also the fragile habitat it offers for wildlife and native vegetation.

Please do your part helping ensure the dune's health – which is crucial to our environment and to coastal protection from extreme weather events. Keep the dune cleared of personal effects – it's important, and **it's the law**. Section 3.7.1 of the Regulations Governing Beach Protection and the Use of Beaches (*DE Title 7, Reg. 5102*) prohibits operation of motorized vehicles, transportation or storage of any type of boat, and pedestrian traffic across or on the primary dune on any State-owned or maintained beach, except at locations approved by DNREC. In short, placing boats, kayaks, and other beach recreation items on the dunes is breaking the law.

DNREC advises that a low spot can become a wide dune breach when battered by storm tides and waves, exposing residential properties to storm damage. Property damage can be minimized by limiting all activities on the dunes – and by keeping the Lewes dune clear of accumulated personal effects.



**It's simple: Obey the law and protect the Lewes dune
– so the dune can help protect you and your property!**