



**City of San Clemente**  
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## **CITY BEACH USAGE GUIDELINES**

City of San Clemente beaches are open for recreational usage from 4 a.m. to midnight, without charge or reservation, on a first-come, first-served basis. City beaches are public property and cannot be rented for private activities. Activities cannot restrict the public's use of the beach or access to the water.

- You may not rope off an area for your exclusive use, or force any other beach user to move.
- You may not have any commercial activity (delivery or set up of rental equipment, catering, event planning services, etc.).

### **CEREMONIES & PRIVATE GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Having a small (20 people or less) ceremony or small private group activity on the beach is allowed but be advised that San Clemente City beaches are busy spaces with heavy use and limited space, especially during the peak summer season and warm weather.

Please note that beach activities may experience difficult parking, long walks for guests, unexpected weather and wind conditions, noise from trains, pounding surf, and beachgoers.

### **GENERAL BEACH RESTRICTIONS**

- No amplified music, public address ("PA") systems, or bull horns
- No extensive set-up (arch, a canopy, or a few chairs are permitted)
- No roping off of any areas
- No vehicle access
- No alcohol or smoking
- No animals
- No catering or other business activities – party planning service, rental set-ups
- No parking permits granted
- No removal of beach sand, or digging of holes to exceed a depth of 2 feet.
- No glass containers on the beach.
- No swimming, surf, body, sail, paddleboarding, or scuba diving within 100 feet of the municipal pier.
- Commercial filming or filming with a drone requires a film permit.

### **FIRES AND USE OF FIRE RINGS**

- Fire rings cannot be reserved, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Fires must be contained in an existing City fire ring or portable BBQ that is elevated off the sand.
- Disposal of completely cooled materials must be deposited into a designated fire ring.
- Other open flames such as tiki-type torches are not permitted.