



Friends of Gumbo Limbo inspires people to support stewardship and research of coastal and marine ecosystems, sponsors sea turtle conservation, and advocates for the enhancement of the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

SEAWATER FOR GUMBO LIMBO'S ANIMALS

Top 10 Reasons Why Gumbo Limbo's Animals Need the Beach & Park District to Approve the Seawater Supply Project

- #10 The current system is outdated and deteriorating and its design doesn't meet the Center's needs. Each year, volunteers and staff spend countless hours jerry-rigging the system.
- #9 The natural seawater supply enables Gumbo Limbo's fish to be healthier and its sea turtles to recover faster.
- #8 A reliable supply of quality, natural seawater is essential for Florida Atlantic University's marine lab to carry out its pioneering research at Gumbo Limbo.
- #7 With a reliable source of high-quality seawater, the Center can expand and enhance its programs, enabling us to learn even more about the special marine life in our area.
- #6 The *volume* of seawater supplied by the current system has been steadily declining since 2016, when it was already well below standards for the aquariums and sea turtle rehabilitation facilities.
- #5 The *quality* of seawater supplied by current pumps don't meet the recommended standards for Gumbo Limbo's animals and corals.
- #4 Current pumps are not designed to meet the Center's needs. Stress on the pumps accelerates wear and increases the risk of early failure.
- #3 Should the pumps fail, Gumbo Limbo's state and federal permits to care for sea turtles would face revocation.
- #2 Gumbo Limbo's visitors have doubled in less than a decade, to 200,000 per year. The Center's ability to pull ocean water is unique and has been integral in achieving its popularity and acclaim.

#1 reason why Gumbo Limbo's animals need the Beach & Park District to approve the seawater pump project: If the pumps fail, the animals will die. Failure is not an option for the generations of residents and schoolchildren who visit and support the center and the animals in its care.