I Found a Turtle

Place the turtle in a box or an open plastic tub. Do not place the turtle in water. **Call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.** Turtles should not be picked up by the tail. Pick the turtle up with its head facing away from you by placing one hand immediately in front of each of the turtle's rear legs. We recommend heavy leather gloves for picking up snapping turtles and DO NOT pick a snapping turtle up by placing your hands further forward on the shell.

**Is the turtle injured?**

**YES**

**Is the turtle in the road?**

**YES**

Move the turtle off the road in the direction it was traveling.

**NO**

**Is the turtle in the road?**

**YES**

**NO**

Leave the turtle alone

**Important notes:**

- All reptiles have specific habitats they must always be returned to in order to survive and to prevent disease spread.

- DO NOT relocate turtles or any other reptile! It will not survive outside its established habitat - it lives where you found it!

- All wildlife can carry diseases that can spread to humans called zoonoses.

A list of NJ Wildlife Rehabilitators can be found at NJAWR.org

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