



Blue Flag USVI - Feasibility Study Application - Beaches

Municipality/Community

Name of the Municipality or Private Management: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Region: US Virgin Islands

Community: (Island) _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email and Web site: _____

No. of permanent inhabitants in the municipality/community: _____

No. of inhabitants in the municipality/community during the peak season: _____

Beach(es)

How many beaches are there at the municipality/community or how beaches do you own? _____

How many beaches are applying for Blue Flag certification? _____

Name of beach(es) applying for Blue Flag certification: _____

Estimated maximum number of visitors to the beach per day: _____

Estimated average number of visitors to the beach per day: _____

Contact Information

Contact Person – responsible for beach management:

Name1: _____

Title: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Name2: _____

Title: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact Person – responsible during holidays:

Name1: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

The remainder of the application addresses the criteria used to evaluate the application in question and answer format. Questions are derived from the list of criteria on the Blue Flag Program web site at: www.blueflag.org

There are a total of 32 criteria under the Blue Flag program of which 30 imperative and 2 guideline criteria are applicable to US Virgin Island beaches. Imperative criteria must be met in order to receive the Blue Flag award. Guideline criteria are recommended, but not mandatory. Please note that To select Yes or No, double-click on the . Then click *Checked* under Default value. After one of Yes or No has been selected, it is not necessary to provide further information with each question.

However, you may wish to use the space to point out, for example, that
 while a particular criteria is not met at this time, implementing the criteria is feasible,
 implementing a particular criteria does not appear feasible,
 it's unclear whether your current arrangement satisfies the criteria. Use this space to describe the current arrangement.

Environmental Education and Information

1. Is information relating to coastal zone ecosystems and natural, sensitive areas in the coastal zone displayed? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

2. Is water quality information publicly displayed? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

Note: This imperative criterion takes effect when the Blue Flag is awarded.

3. Is information about the Blue Flag Program displayed? (Imperative Criterion)

No Information about the Blue Flag Program will be displayed until the Blue Flag is awarded.

(optional) Further information: _____

4. Is a beach area code of conduct displayed? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

Are laws governing beach use easily available to the public upon request? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

Note: The Municipality/Community must be prepared to describe their plans to offer five environmental activities prior to the Blue Flag being awarded.

5. A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed

No Information about the Blue Flag map will be displayed until the Blue Flag is awarded.

6. Are a minimum of five environmental activities offered? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

Yes See five activities described below

No But five planned activities are described below

No Five planned activities to be provided at a later date

(optional) Further information: _____

Water Quality

7 The beach must fully comply with the water quality sampling and frequency requirements (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

8. The beach must fully comply with the standards and requirements for water quality analysis (Imperative Criterion)

An independent person, officially authorized and trained for the task, must collect the samples. An independent laboratory must carry out the analysis of the bathing water samples. The laboratory must be nationally or internationally accredited to carry out microbiological and physical-chemical analyses

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

9. Do industrial or sewage related discharges affect beach area? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

10. The beach must comply with the Blue Flag requirements for the microbiological parameter fecal Coli bacteria (E.Coli) and intestinal enterococci/streptococci? (Imperative Criterion)

Parameter	Limit values
Escherichia coli (Faecal Colibacteria)	250 cfu/100 ml
Intestinal Enterococci (streptococci)	100 cfu/100 ml

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

Environmental Management

11. Is a beach management committee in charge of instituting environmental management systems and conducting regular environmental audits of the beach facility? (Guideline Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

12. Does the beach comply with all regulations affecting the location and operation of the beach (coastal zone planning and environmental legislation)? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

13. Is the beach cleaned regularly? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

14. Is algae or other vegetation left to decay on the beach unless it constitutes a nuisance? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

15. Are waste disposal bins/receptacles available on/by the beach in adequate numbers and regularly maintained and emptied? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

16. Are facilities for receiving recyclable waste materials available on/by the beach? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

17. Are adequate number of sanitary facilities must be provided? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

18. Are sanitary facilities kept clean regularly (how often)? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

19. Are adequate number of and clean sanitary facilities with controlled sewage disposal available? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

20. Sanitary facilities have controlled sewage disposal available? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

21. Is camping, driving and dumping of waste on beach prohibited? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

22. Are regulations concerning dogs and other domestic animals on the beach strictly enforced? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

23. Are all buildings and equipment on the beach properly maintained? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

24. Coral Reefs in the vicinity of the beach must be monitored (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

25. Is a sustainable means of transportation promoted in the beach area? (Guideline Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

Safety and Services

26. Are there an adequate number of lifeguards and/or lifesaving equipment available at the beach? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

27. Is first aid equipment available on the beach? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

28. Are different users and uses of the beach properly managed so as to prevent conflicts and accidents? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

29. Are emergency plans to cope with pollution safety risks in place? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

30. Is there safe access to the beach? (Imperative Criterion)

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

The beach area must be patrolled

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

31. *Is there a supply of potable drinking water available on the beach? (Imperative Criterion)*

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____

Note: Access to the beach does not mean access to the water

32. *Does at least one beach have handicap facilities, granting barrier-free access to the beach, surrounding buildings, and the toilets?(Imperative Criterion)*

Yes: No:

(optional) Further information: _____