



ALACHUA COUNTY DOCK FACTSHEET

Standards in Unified Land Development Code (see Section 404.108 for complete language)

- Provide copies of other agency permits prior to construction. Contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to determine if your dock requires state permitting (904-256-1700)
- Docks shall not create a hazard to navigation or pursuit of water sports
- Docks shall not be detrimental to trees and aquatic vegetation
- Walls are prohibited
- No more than one dock per property



Applies to:

- Docks in unincorporated Alachua County
- Docks in Lake Santa Fe, including those associated with property in Bradford, Clay, and Putnam counties
- Docks in Orange Lake, including those associated with property in Marion County



Contractors must be licensed in the State of Florida to perform dock construction. Engineered plans are required with the building permit application.

A building permit is required for dock construction \geq \$500 in value
Docks may also require a flood prone area development permit from Public Works (\$100)
First submit a free [Pre-Application Screening](#) to the Building Department
or contact County staff below for more information

Growth Management

County Annex Building, 10 SW 2nd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-374-5249

Environmental Protection

408 W University Ave, Ste. 106
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-264-6800

Public Works

5620 NW 120th Ln
Gainesville, FL 32653
352-548-1303



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Application Materials

(see [PAS Dock Checklist](#) for full list)

- Dock dimensions including any roof overhangs, floating and temporary structures, personal watercraft lifts and racks, and boat mooring poles and areas
- Total square footage
- Setback from nearest side property line extended into the water
- Elevation views (front/lake view and side view)
- New/rebuild plans and existing dock conditions (if applicable)

Standard	Pre-Application Screening approval limit	Development Review Committee approval limit
Maximum platform size	600 square feet	900 square feet
Maximum width	25 feet for properties > 80 feet wide 20 feet for properties ≤ 80 feet wide	The lesser of 40 feet or 40% of the property width at the shoreline
Maximum covered width	25 feet for properties > 80 feet wide 20 feet for properties ≤ 80 feet wide	30 feet
Maximum height	14 feet	14 feet
Setbacks	10 feet for properties <65 feet wide 25 feet for properties ≥ 65 feet wide	Less only if it is necessary to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to natural resources or riparian rights
Santa Fe River docks	Limited to a single uncovered platform ≤ 160 square feet	Limited to a single covered platform ≤160 square feet and total footprint ≤300 square feet

Approval Process:

Pre-Application Screening (free)

- Exact replacements
- Reconfigurations of “grandfathered” docks that do not increase non-compliance with PAS limits
- Docks that do not exceed limits for PAS approval

Development Review Committee (\$1,500)

- Reconfigurations of “grandfathered” docks that do not increase non-compliance with DRC limits
- Docks that do not exceed limits for DRC approval