



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



Please note: Contractors must be licensed in the State of Florida to perform dock construction.

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
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



ALACHUA COUNTY DOCK FACTSHEET

Application Materials
(see application checklist document 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