



**GWINNETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE &
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Annual Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance of Private Fire Hydrants and Private Water Mains.

Private fire hydrants and private water mains are considered private when they are placed on private property for fire protection. Any hydrant or water line is considered private from the point where the water main is tapped and a double detector check and backflow preventor are placed to anywhere on the property or complex.

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 25 that adopts the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, Chapter 120-3-3 mandates annual testing of private fire hydrants and fire service water mains by the owner or management firms of all **Apartment** and **Condominium** projects.

Following is the responsibility of the property owner(s) as stated in Section 1-4 of the National Fire Association Standard #25 as adopted without modifications in State Law:

The responsibility for properly maintaining a water-based fire protection system (including private fire hydrants) shall be that of the property owner(s). By means of annual inspections, tests, and maintenance, the equipment shall be shown to be in good operating condition. This task shall be performed by personnel who have developed competence through training and experience. (Fire Sprinkler Contractor).

The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and the appropriate alarm receiving facility, shall be notified before testing/shutting down a system or its supply. The notification shall include the purpose for the shutdown, the system or component involved, and the estimated time of shutdown. These entities shall be notified when the system is returned to service.

The owner shall promptly correct or repair deficiencies, damaged parts, or impairments found while performing the inspection, test, and maintenance requirements of NFPA #25. This includes keeping a 5 ft. perimeter free of bushes, obstructions, and anything else that could visually block or prevent access to the hydrant or fire department connection. Corrections and repairs shall be performed by qualified maintenance personnel or a qualified contractor. (Fire Sprinkler Contractor or Fire Sprinkler Inspection Company).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Gwinnett County Fire Marshal's Office at 678-518-6100. Please contact 678-518-4800 for reporting of testing of fire hydrants.