



# **Georgia State Amendments to the International Plumbing Code**

**(2018 Edition)**



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**GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM STANDARD PLUMBING CODE  
(INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE WITH GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS)**

The **INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, 2018 Edition**, published by the International Code Council, when used in conjunction with these and any other Georgia State Amendments to the **INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, 2018 Edition**, shall constitute the official *Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code*.

**GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS**

**CODE REFERENCE:**

- (a) Replace all references to the ICC *Electrical Code* with references to the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code (National Electrical Code with Georgia State Amendments)*.
- (b) Replace all references to the *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)* with references to the *Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code (IECC with Georgia State Supplements and Amendments)*. The *Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code* shall be used for efficiency and coefficient of performance ratings of equipment.

**APPENDICES:**

Appendices are not enforceable unless they are specifically referenced in the body of the code or adopted by the Department of Community Affairs or the authority having jurisdiction.

**GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM  
REQUIREMENTS FOR BOILERS/WATER HEATERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS**

The State's minimum requirements for boilers/water heaters and pressure vessels over 200,000 BTU/h (58.61 kW), 210 degrees Fahrenheit or 120 gallons capacity shall be established by O.C.G.A. Title 25, Chapter 15 and the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

*\*Revise the International Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition, to read as follows:*

**CHAPTER 5  
WATER HEATERS**

**SECTION 506  
MINIMUM CAPACITIES FOR RESIDENTIAL WATER HEATERS**

\*Name Change Table 506 ‘Minimum Capacities for Residential Water Heaters’ to ‘Minimum First Hour Rating for Residential Water Heaters’ and Revise to read as follows:

**TABLE 506 MINIMUM FIRST HOUR RATING FOR RESIDENTIAL WATER HEATERS** <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

Number of Bathrooms	1 to 1.5			2 to 2.5				3 to 3.5			
	1	2	3	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6
Number of Bedrooms											
First Hour Rating, in Gallons	38	49	49	49	62	62	74	62	74	74	74

FHR= First Hour Rating, 1 gal=3.7854 L, 1 gph=1.5 mL/s

1. Tankless Water Heaters shall be sized and installed per manufacturer's recommendations
2. Water heaters for single family dwellings having more than six bedrooms and/or 3 1/2 baths shall be sized per manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Table 506 reflects the total minimum requirements for one or multiple water heating units.

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**End of Amendments.**

**Authority: O.C.G.A. § 8-2-20 et seq.**