

FAQS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS ON ST. GEORGE ISLAND

Q - I am thinking of renting a beach house for a special event. Do I need to let the rental company know?

A - Yes, you must notify Resort Vacation Properties of all large gatherings at the rental home to avoid the risk of being evicted. Not all rental homes allow special events.

Q - How do I get a Florida marriage license?

A - A marriage license can be obtained at the Franklin County Courthouse, located at 33 Market St., Apalachicola, FL 32329. For more information, contact the Clerk of the Court at (850) 653-8861, extension 109 or visit http://franklinclerk.com/Marriage_Information.aspx. Florida residents have a 3-day waiting period. The cost of a license is \$93.50.

Q - Who can perform my wedding ceremony?

A - A list of local ministers can be found at http://www.seestgeorgeisland.com/Your_Wedding.aspx or you may contact the Clerk of Court at the Franklin County Courthouse.

Q - We plan to have a DJ or Band outside for our event. Is that allowed?

A - Live DJ's are allowed only at the clubhouse areas at Sunset Beach & Resort Village and require advance permission. Live music or DJ's are not allowed at individual homes. Stereo music must be kept to a reasonable and respectable level at all times.

Q - If I am holding my event on the beach in front of my rental home but I don't see any public parking in our neighborhood, where can my guests park?

A - If parking is not available at the event home location without parking on the grass, median or shoulders, guests must be shuttled to the home. Parking is available in the center of the Island in the public beach parking.

Q - What is the fee to host a special event at my rental property?

A - There is a \$500 non-refundable event fee required for each special event. The event fee is due at least 30 days prior to arrival.

Q - Is a damage deposit required?

A - Yes, a \$1,000 refundable damage deposit is required for each event. The damage deposit is due at least 30 days prior to arrival.

Q - When will my damage deposit be returned?

A - The damage deposit less the cost to fix any damages or replace furniture, if any, will be refunded within 45 days of the event; this will be refunded by the same method as payment.

Q - Do I need any special permits or permission to put up a tent at my rental home?

A - No, as long as there is no damage to the landscaping or irrigation system.

Q - Are chairs, tents, arches allowed on the beach?

A - Yes, but please remember that items should be brought in at night.

Q - Can we have fireworks as part of our event?

A - Fireworks are prohibited in the Plantation and Sunset Beach. In other areas, fireworks in compliance with Florida law are allowed only during the 4th of July and the New Year holidays.

Q - Do I need a permit for a beach wedding?

A - No permit is required.

Q - Can I temporarily close public access or a section of the beach so people unaffiliated with my event cannot use it during the ceremony?

A - No, beaches are public areas and you may not close off any public access or any portion of the beach.

Q - Weather wise, what is the best time of the year for my St. George Island event?

A - In April, May, June, September and October the weather is generally fair and the temperature ranges from the low 60's to mid 80's. When planning your wedding take into account that hurricane season is June 1 through November 30.

Q - What are the clean up requirements?

A - Renters are responsible for clean up after the event. This includes, but is not limited to the interior and exterior of the rental home, landscaping, and surrounding area including sand dunes and beach area. Please refer to the "Special Event Clean up Checklist."

Q - Are portable toilet rentals really necessary?

A - The septic systems on St. George Island are not designed to handle increased usage that may occur during a special event with 25 or more guests and may result in overflow or damage to the system. Therefore, depending on the home chosen for the occasion and the number of guests in attendance you may be required to rent one or more portable toilets.

Q - What time does my event have to end?

A - The event must end by 11 pm with no exceptions.

Q - Do you have any vendor information?

A - Please visit www.apalachicolabay.org for the most current list of registered vendors.

Q - My event is taking place inside the St. George Plantation. Will all of my guests be allowed access?

A - Yes, your guests will be granted entry into the Plantation on the day of the event. You are required to provide a typewritten list of all guests attending the event at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled check-in date to gain entry into the Plantation.

Q - Will my vendors have access into the Plantation prior to my arrival?

A - No. The Plantation guard gate will provide a service pass to all vendors as long as the guest has checked into the rental home.

Q - What restrictions are there regarding decorating?

A - Stapling, nailing, gluing or other damaging attachments are not allowed. Please take care not to damage the home or landscaping.

Q - If we rent multiple homes for our special event, are any additional discounts available?

A - Additional discounts may be available for participating homes.

Q - Does Resort Vacation Properties provide any additional services?

A - Resort Vacation Properties assists you in locating and confirming a reservation in the rental property of your choice. We are happy to provide additional information upon request including providing you with a list of local wedding or other large function coordinators.