

## **Watercrafts**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. Q. Can I park a boat on the street in Prince George's County?**

A. No. As of May 23, 2025, pursuant to County Council Bill CB-002-2025, watercrafts are prohibited from parking on public streets, roads, highways, and rights of way within the County.

**2. Q. What is considered watercraft under the law?**

A. A watercraft is any vehicle or device which may transport a person on water and shall be identified as, but not limited to:

- i. Bass Boats;
- ii. Fishing Boats;
- iii. Cabin Cruisers;
- iv. Inflatable Boats;
- v. Pontoon Boats;
- vi. Deck Boats;
- vii. Runabouts;
- viii. Dinghies;
- ix. Any other personally or corporately owned and operated vehicle designed to traverse water; and
- x. Any vehicle designed to traverse water that is parked on a trailer displaying valid registration, invalid registration, or no registration.

**3. Q. Where can I park a watercraft?**

A. Watercraft may be parked on private property, such as in driveways, carports, garages. Residents may also explore marinas in Prince George's County. For more information, visit: <https://www.waterwayguide.com/directory/marina/maryland/prince-georges-county>.

**4. Q. Is watercraft parking enforcement limited to certain times?**

A. No, enforcement will be twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

**5. Q. What happens if someone parks a watercraft in violation of the law?**

A. The owner will be issued a warning notice notifying the owner to remove it from County public streets, roads, highways, or rights-of-way within seventy-two (72) hours. Failure to comply will result in the following penalties:

- i. A two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine for the first offense;
- ii. A five hundred dollar (\$500) fine for each subsequent citation issued.

Each violation shall be considered a separate offense and eligible for a separate citation twenty- four (24) hours after the last citation was issued. Watercraft that has not been removed after the second violation is subject to impoundment and related fees.

**6. Q. Can a watercraft be considered an abandoned vehicle under County law?**

**A.** Yes, watercraft may be considered an abandoned vehicle pursuant to Section 26-162 of the County Code and may be subject to impoundment, related tow and impoundment fines, and to the following fines:

- i. one hundred dollars (\$100) for a first violation;
- ii. five hundred dollars (\$500) for a second violation; and
- iii. one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each additional violation.

Any person issued a citation for an abandoned vehicle violation may be subject to criminal prosecution under Maryland Code, Criminal Law §10-110 for illegal dumping.

**7. Q. How can I find out where my watercraft was towed?**

**A.** All impounded abandoned vehicles are reported to the County police dispatch. For information about an impounded vehicle, call 3-1-1, or visit <http://towinginquiry.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>.

**8. Q. What happens if I don't reclaim my impounded watercraft?**

**A.** Failure to reclaim the watercraft within 21 calendar days from the date of impoundment will be considered a waiver by the owner or any secured party of all rights, title, and interest in the watercraft, and it will be subject to demolition.

**9. Q. How can I report a violation?**

**A.** Violations can be reported through PGC311, the County's centralized service request system, using the following options:

- i. Online: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/PGC311](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/PGC311)
- ii. PGC311 Mobile App: Available for iOS and Android
- iii. By Phone: Call 3-1-1 (Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)