

Dumpsters

Gwinnett County has adopted ordinances (regulations) to maintain the health and cleanliness of our communities. Dumpsters are a necessary part of managing waste, but can cause challenges to community health and safety if they are not well managed:

- Generating unpleasant odors and smells
- Attracting pests, rodents, insects, and other pests that may transmit diseases and illness
- Creating an unattractive, unsightly area that reflects poorly on the community around it
- Causing safety risks for people to slip, trip, or be harmed inside or around the dumpster container

Plan of Action:

- Install required screening, at least 6 feet high, around the dumpster.
- Ensure that all trash is placed inside the dumpster, not on the ground.
- Contact your waste hauler to ensure your dumpster size and pick-up schedule adequately meets your business needs, and request that your dumpster container is set down by the truck a minimum of 5 feet from the property line and any buffer.
- Make sure the concrete pad under your dumpster is free of cracks and other structural issues.
- If your construction dumpster is needed for more than 30 days, contact Gwinnett County Planning & Development's Building Permits team to ensure you have the appropriate building permit: (678) 518 -6020.

What does the ordinance say about dumpsters? Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) 230-120.14:

Dumpsters and screening shall be located only in the rear or side yard, a minimum of 5 feet from property lines and any buffer. They must be placed on a concrete pad of sufficient size and strength to support the weight of service vehicles. Minimum pad size is 10 feet wide by 30 feet long. Screening is required, not less than 6 feet in height. Construction dumpsters are allowed for 30 days or with an active building permit, and are exempt from screening requirements.

Resources

Dumpster Screening / Enclosure: Gwinnett County Planning & Development can help answer questions about requirements for installing screening around your dumpster. Call (678) 518-6000 for assistance.

Approved Commercial Solid Waste Haulers: Businesses located in unincorporated Gwinnett County may choose from the approved list of solid waste haulers for commercial service:
<https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/web/gwinnett/services/solidwastemanagement/commercialservices>

Learn more at
GwinnettCodeEnforcement.com
 or 770.513.5020