



CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

Solid Waste and Recycling Department

Specifications for Commercial Pickup in the City of Florence

The trucks operated by the City are approximately 33 feet long and 11 feet wide. With the forks on the front extended to lift a container, it adds another 5 feet to the overall length. The approach to the box must have a minimum 45-foot runway from any obstacle so the trucks can maneuver to empty the box.

Dumpster enclosures should be sized accordingly to allow employees easy access for disposal as well as access for our trucks. The minimum opening width between posts or gates must be 12 feet. If gates are necessary, they should be built sturdy enough to support their own weight and have a mechanism to allow them to stay open. It is helpful when steel posts or something similar is placed within the enclosure to help prevent the container from being put down against the enclosure wall.

The requirements in the city code, Section 24-5 for a dumpster pad should be followed as well. The code requires, among other things, that a pad be constructed from reinforced concrete with the following dimensions: 20 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 6 inches thick; with one #5 bar twelve inches on center each way. Our trucks when loaded can weigh in excess of 60,000 pounds which is why this is necessary.

The Solid Waste office should be contacted for questions regarding enclosures for dumpsters – 256-760-6496.