What is a Donation Drop Box?

Donation drop box means any enclosed container or receptacle made of metal, steel, or a similar durable material and designed or intended for the donation and temporary storage of clothing or other materials.

Donation drop boxes may be allowed on commercial properties and places of worship in unincorporated Cobb County in accordance with the Official Code of Cobb County 134-287 (1)-(4). This brochure provides a general overview of the regulations and associated penalties that may be imposed for violations. Donation box owners and property owners should familiarize themselves and consult with the Code Enforcement Division prior to placing donation drop boxes on properties.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with keeping Cobb County communities safe, clean and healthy.

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## Regulations

- Registration is required and must include written approval including the property owner name, physical address and phone number.
- A site plan or drawing depicting size and location of box on lot is also required.
- Information identifying organization responsible for maintenance and monetary proceeds of the donation drop box is required and should include name, physical address and phone number.
- Boxes are allowed on commercial property or a place of worship where there is an active primary use. They are not permitted to be placed on vacant lots or abandoned properties.
- Boxes must be placed on a paved surface and placed to the side or rear of the lot. They must meet setback requirements and may not be placed in a fire lane, loading zone, drive aisle or circulation area.
- Maximum box size allowed is 5 feet in width and depth and 7 feet in height.
- Multiple boxes may be adjacent to one another on a lot. If this is not feasible, multiple boxes may not be in the same view shed.
- Property equal to or less than 1 acre may have 1 donation box. Property greater than 1 acre may have 1 box per acre.
- Boxes must be regularly emptied and secured against unauthorized access.

## Drop Box Labeling Requirements

1. Specific items and material requested for donation
2. Information identifying the organization responsible for maintenance and monetary proceeds
3. Statement that no items may be left outside of box and that box is not intended for refuse
4. A county issued registration sticker shall be affixed to the front face of the box
5. The registration shall be valid for a period of 5 years and must be re-registered after expiration

## Maintenance & Upkeep of Donation Drop Boxes

Donation drop boxes must be structurally sound, clean and well maintained. They should be emptied regularly to prevent overflow of materials onto surrounding areas which would constitute a zoning violation. It is the donation box owner and property owner’s responsibility for ensuring the upkeep of these boxes.

For the complete Drop Box Code Ordinance, please visit www.cobbcounty.org/code

## Penalties for Improper Use or Location of Donation Drop Boxes

Failure to properly register or maintain a donation drop box may be in violation of the Official Code of Cobb County and may be subject to enforcement and fines pursuant to section 134-287 (5).