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Laclede County provides new option for proper disposal of worn U.S. flags

New flag disposal box installed at Laclede County Government Center

Washington – In partnership with the National Association of Counties, the National Flag Foundation and the National Sheriffs Association, Laclede County has installed a flag retirement box, at no cost to the county, at Laclede County Government Center near the main entrance. Flags should be folded respectfully before being placed in the box.

The United States Flag Code prescribes flag etiquette – everything from flying it near other flags to instructions on how to raise and lower it. “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning,” says the code.

Laclede County Commission, Boy Scouts, VFW or whoever oversees burning the flags will be responsible for the proper disposal of the worn flags.

“Laclede County Government Center drop-off provides convenience while respecting our national symbol,” said Laclede County Commission. “Our Commission is unified in helping enable our citizens to show respect to our great nation and our flag while disposing of old or worn out flags.

“Proper disposal of the U.S. flag goes hand in hand with the commitment we make to public service while simultaneously benefiting our residents.”