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**[COUNTY NAME] provides new option for proper disposal of worn U.S. flags**

***New flag disposal box installed at [location]***

**WASHINGTON –** In partnership with theNational Association of Counties and Florida Association of Counties, [COUNTY NAME]has installed a flag retirement box, at no cost to the county, at [county facility] [provide more specific location if necessary, e.g. near the main entrance etc.].

**[INSERT QUOTE ON COUNTY ROLE IN FLAG BOX]** **Example:** “This centrally-located drop-off provides convenience while respecting our national symbol,” said NAME AND TITLE. “The county is unified in helping enable our citizens to respect our great nation while disposing of old or worn out flags.”

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.

Flags should be folded respectfully before being placed in the box. Members of [Boy Scouts, VFW or whoever oversees burning the flags] will be responsible for the proper disposal of the worn flags.

“We are pleased to provide these flag retirement boxes. Helping residents properly dispose of worn U.S. flags is consistent with our commitment to public service and community engagement,” said NACo President Judge Gary Moore from Boone County, Ky.

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