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

New flag disposal box installed at the Kane County Government Center in Geneva

WASHINGTON – In partnership with the National Association of Counties, and the National Flag Foundation, Kane County has installed a flag retirement box, at no cost to the county, at the Kane County Government Center at 719 S Batavia Ave, Geneva, IL 60134, in Building A on the ground floor in the Veterans office hallway. 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.

The county will be working in partnership with the Batavia VFW who will assure the proper disposal of the worn flags through retiring them with proper ceremony.

“Our hope is that this centrally-located drop-off location provides convenience while respecting our national symbol,” said Chris Lauzen, Kane County Board Chairman. “The County values all that our flag represents. We are united in helping citizens to respect our great nation while disposing of old or worn out flags.”

Said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase, “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.”

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