

# HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY

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## County Introduces US Flag Disposal Program

*This new program allows our citizens to conveniently and respectfully recycle their flags while helping enhance our County's reputation.*

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## FLAG DISPOSAL BOXES WILL BE PLACED IN THREE LOCATIONS

Hardin County, as part of the new national campaign to support flag etiquette, is taking the lead by introducing three locations to drop off your worn US flag. Our County Public Library locations both in Elizabethtown and Radcliff will have flag disposal boxes (pictured to the right) as well as our County Government Center.

Through a partnership with our local VFW Post 10281, we are able to sponsor this program. Commander Gary McClain has graciously agreed to accept the worn US Flags for proper disposal at the post..

Proper disposal of the American Flag is a sign of respect. It honors our history and the people who fight to protect our freedom while showing reverence to our nation.

The United States Flag Code outlines proper flag etiquette for everything from proper folding and flying of our flag to respectful retirement of our flag.

When an American flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag.

There are several ways to properly dispose of a US flag. The most common method

is burning the torn or tattered flag in a special ceremony.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) sponsored a pilot program in 25 counties throughout the United States. The community response was positive and continues to grow in the pilot counties. It is a great way to educate the public about the proper care for the US flag.

We hope this program will generate excitement within our county to learn more about flag etiquette.



### Locations

**Government Center**  
150 N. Provident Way  
Front Entrance

**Hours:** 8 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday

**Public Library Elizabethtown**  
100 Jim Owen Way

**Public Library Radcliff**  
800 South Logsdon Parkway

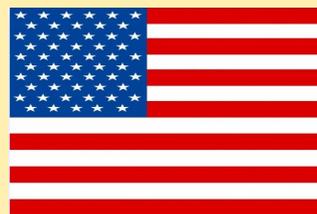
**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9 am to 8:00 pm

Wednesday and Friday  
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 9 am to 3:00 pm

## FLAG ETIQUETTE DO'S AND DON'TS

- Display the US flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings or flagstaff. If displayed 24 hours a day, it must be properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- When placed on a single staff or lanyard, place the US flag above all other flags.
- When flags are displayed in a row at the same height, the US flag goes to the observer's left.
- When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union (the blue field of stars) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.
- When placed on a podium the flag should be placed on the speaker's right (viewer's left).
- On Memorial Day the flag is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised to full staff.



- It is customary to fly the flag at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 14, Patriot Day, September 11, National Firefighters Memorial Day, October 8 (in 2017) and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7
- When flown at half-staff, it should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position.

**Additional information**  
[www.usflag.org](http://www.usflag.org)  
[www.usa-flag-site.org](http://www.usa-flag-site.org)