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

## *New flag disposal box installed at the Government Center in Morocco*

**WASHINGTON** – In partnership with the National Association of Counties and the Association of Indiana Counties, Newton County has installed a flag retirement box, at no cost to the county, at Government Center located at 4117 S. 240 W. Morocco, IN 47963.

“Many of our residents are unsure how to care for the U.S. flag when it becomes worn out or torn,” said AIC President Kent Ward who serves as the Surveyor of Hamilton County, Ind. “This program provides a much-needed service to all county residents and reminds them that counties matter.”

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. Veteran Service Officer, Gregory K. Willis 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 Commissioner Larry Johnson from DeKalb County, Ga.

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