

Friday Facts

We have been asked “How do I dispose of an old American Flag?”

The American Flag holds reverence by all citizens, but also through the U.S. Flag Code. If a flag cannot be properly displayed in any way, it is to be destroyed in a dignified manner. Whether you have a tattered flag or it is ripped, there eventually comes a time to put the flag to rest and throwing it in the garbage is NOT an option. The American Legion passed a resolution about flag retirement ceremonies in 1937, and they’ve been an important ritual ever since. According to the resolution, “The approved method of disposing of unserviceable flags has long been that they be destroyed by burning.” Every year on June 14, Americans celebrate Flag Day. Not surprisingly, it’s considered the most appropriate day to hold flag disposal ceremonies.

The Village of Norridge will hold their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Friday, June 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in front of the Veterans Memorial, 4020 N. Olcott Avenue. The deadline to drop off old and worn flags that need to be retired as part of the ceremony is June 12th. The public is invited to attend this ceremony.

