

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County Requests Removal of Damaged Flags *Proudly Display American Flag*

Okaloosa County requests residents who currently display small flags in right-of-ways following Independence Day celebrations to properly dispose of them, if they are damaged. Although flags are much appreciated and celebrated on this day, some become damaged or no longer look good after several days and inclement weather. These small plastics flags can be discarded in trash bins and garbage cans.

Most other (cloth) flags must be decommissioned properly and you can contact a local troop of the Boy Scouts of America to assist you. More information can be found about how to display the American Flag on the internet (www.ushistory.org). Although residents are not required to dispose of flags by Okaloosa County, there are U.S. requirements in the treatment and respect of the American Flag, which is as follows:

- ***It may not be flown if it is torn or discolored.***
- ***It must be illuminated at night time, or retrieve it until daylight.***
- ***It cannot be worn.***
- ***Only the President of the United States or a state governor may authorize a flag be flown at half-staff.***

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