



VETERANS SERVICES
County Of Hidalgo

Ramon Garcia
County Judge

Hidalgo County Veterans Services suggests the following procedures for proper disposal of American Flags.

**Standard Operation Procedure (SOP)
For
Proper Disposal of American Flag**

According the U.S. Flag code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

The County of Hidalgo will perform the above mentioned in the following procedure:

- I. The designated day for proper disposal of the flags is set for Flag Day, June 14th.**
- II. Flags that are in worn out condition, such as tattered, faded, or torn, will be delivered to the Hidalgo County Facilities Management for storage until Flag Day.**
- III. Approximately one week prior to Flag Day, flags will be delivered to the Hidalgo County Veterans Services Office.**
- IV. The Hidalgo County Veterans Services Office will contact a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or Boy & Girl Scouts of America, to conduct the proper disposal of the flags through ceremony.**

Sincerely,

**Emilio De Los Santos
VSO/Director**