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You Can Drop Off Your Worn American Flags at a Darien Drive-Thru Event Saturday, May 29

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State Rep. Terrie Wood is again hosting flag drop-off services for residents of Darien and Rowayton who want wish to retire their worn American flags with honor and dignity.

But this time the dropoffs will be part of drive-through events to make them safer for people who haven't been fully vaccinated.

— *an announcement from State Rep. Terrie Wood*

The flag collection will be a drive-through event so that residents can dispose of their flags in a safe way while restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic are gradually easing, Wood's announcement said.

“It is important that we provide local residents to retire their old American flags with honor, respect, and dignity with a proper ceremony,” said Wood, a Republican whose district covers Rowayton and much of Darien.

The first event will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 29 at Darien Town Hall with First Selectwoman Jayme Stevenson.

The second "flag drive" will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 12 at the Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Norwalk, with Sixth Taxing District Commissioner Tammy Langalis.

“Our flags represent the freedoms and liberties we are all so fortunate to have, and they also honor the brave women and men who have fought to defend our way of life,” Wood said Friday in her announcement.

From Darienite.com (not part of Woods' announcement):

SIDEBAR: Tattered Flags Discouraged

[Federal law discourages](#) — but doesn't actually prohibit — displaying tattered American flags. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a federal law that penalized acts of disrespect to the U.S. flag.

The federal Flag Code states: "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." Tattered flags have long been considered not to be "a fitting emblem for display."

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According to [this summary](#) of federal law regarding treatment of the U.S. flag, prepared for the U.S. Senate:
"[I]t is important to remember that the Flag Code is intended as a guide to be followed on a purely voluntary basis to insure proper respect for the flag.

"It is, at least, questionable whether statutes placing civil or criminal penalties on the wearing of clothing bearing or resembling a flag could be constitutionally enforced in light of Supreme Court decisions in the area of flag desecration."