

WHEN SHOULD I REPLACE MY AMERICAN FLAG?

According to US flag code, the only standard is "When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display it should be destroyed in a dignified manner."

That leaves a lot of room for interpretation. Here are some other things to look for in your American flag when deciding to buy a new one;

Tearing of the flags fabric.

Fraying around the flags edges. Your flag should be retired prior to the fraying being 1.25 times the height of a single stripe on the flag.

Fading of the colors on the flag. If your colors no longer look vibrant, it is time to replace your American flag.

Holes in the fabric of the American flag.

The flag is stained with a stain that will not come out or cannot be cleaned.

The Township in partnership with Etna American Legion Post 597 and Pack 678 have installed an Old Glory American Flag disposal bin at the O'Hara Township Municipal Building at 325 Fox Chapel Road. Pack 678 will inventory the bin each month and properly dispose of any flags deposited.