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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLO REMINDS RESIDENTS TO PROPERLY
RETIRE UNSERVICEABLE U.S. FLAGS AT MONROE
COUNTY/WM ECOPARK**

Reminder comes on National Flag Day

ROCHESTER, NY — In recognition of National Flag Day, County Executive Adam Bello reminds residents to retire unserviceable U.S. flags at Monroe County/WM ecopark. Ripped, faded or tattered flags can be honorably retired from life by turning them in with a no-appointment drop off at ecopark.

Covanta, a waste-to-energy company, collects the turned in flags and holds a proper retirement ceremony before incineration at their Niagara Falls, NY material processing plant.

“It is commonplace today for U.S. flags to be made from nylon materials instead of cotton, which when burned, emits toxic fumes,” said County Executive Bello. “The ecopark provides a safe and honorable way to retire unserviceable U.S. flags.”

Since 2019, ecopark has collected 15,000 pounds or 7.5 tons of U.S. Flags for retirement.

The Monroe County/WM ecopark is open from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit monroecounty.gov/ecopark/ or enable the Monroe County Recycling skill via Amazon’s Alexa Skill Store and ask Alexa.

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