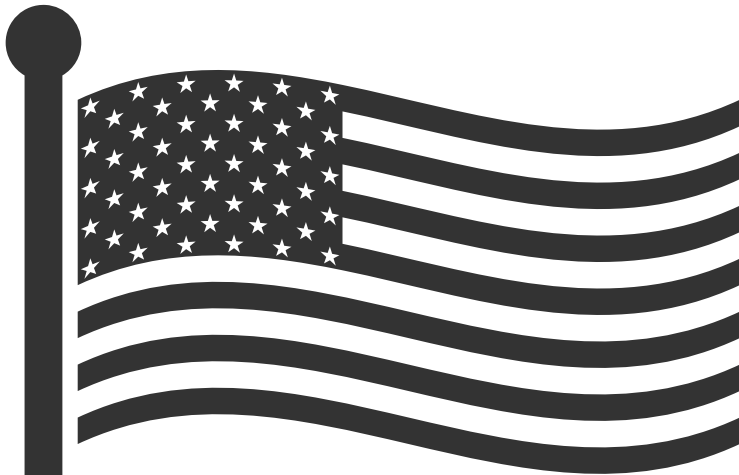


American Flag Etiquette, Rules & Guidelines

GREAT AMERICAN'S AMERICAN FLAGS:

- ★ MADE IN THE USA
- ★ Perfect curb appeal for areas with zoning restrictions.
- ★ Nylon all-weather material can be flown year-round



DATES TO FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG:

New Years Day	Jan 1
Inauguration Day	Jan 20
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	3rd Mon in Jan
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb 12
Washington's Birthday	3rd Mon in Feb
Easter Sunday	Varies
Mother's Day	2nd Sun in May
Armed Forces Day	3rd Sat in May
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon)	Last Mon in May
Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	3rd Sun in June
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Mon in Sept
Patriot's Day	Sept 11
Constitution Day	Sept 17
Columbus Day	2nd Mon in Oct
Navy Day	Oct 27
Veterans Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thurs in Nov
Christmas Day	Dec 25

Flag Etiquette and Guidelines:

On June 22, 1942, Congress passed a joint resolution that includes what is now known as the U.S. Flag Code. Following is an overview of proper American Flag usage and etiquette.

WHEN TO DISPLAY THE FLAG: The flag should be displayed every day, but especially on the holidays listed to the left. It is custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset, but it may be displayed at night, if illuminated, to produce a patriotic effect.

GUIDELINES FOR DISPLAYING THE FLAG:

- When flown at half-staff, the flag should first be hoisted to the peak and then lowered to half-staff position. It should be raised to the peak again before it is lowered for the day.
- When displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff.
- In the United States, no other flag should be placed above the American flag.
- The American flag should be at the center and the highest point when displayed with a group of state flags.
- When flags of states, cities, etc are flown on the same halyard, the American flag should be at the top.
- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height, and the American flag should be hoisted first and lowered last.

FLAG Dos & Don'ts:

- The flag should always be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- Do not allow the flag to touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, floor, water or merchandise. In addition it should not have anything placed upon it.
- The flag should always be stored in such a manner that it will not be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way.

DISPOSING OF AN AMERICAN FLAG: When your flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem, it should be destroyed in a dignified and ceremonious fashion, preferably by burning. The American Legion holds ceremonies to retire old or worn flags; contact your local chapter if you are not able to dispose of it properly on your own.

