

# U. S. FLAG ETIQUETTE

## When to fly the American flag...

Independence Day is a prime time for Americans to show their patriotic spirit by displaying the U.S. flag on their porches and in front of their homes. Before you start hanging up the red, white, and blue, it is a good idea to brush up on some flag etiquette and codes.

## Here are few basic guidelines to keep in mind based on the U.S. Flag Code:

- Always make sure the flag never touches the ground or anything below it.
- Do not display the American flag in inclement weather, unless it's an all-weather flag.
- If you want to fly the flag after sunset, keep it well lit.
- When you hang the flag vertically on a flat surface, make sure the Union (blue section) is on the observer's left.

Wondering what you should do when your flag becomes worn and no longer suited for public display? The U.S. flag code requires it to be disposed of respectfully, preferably by burning. Many local VFW posts and American Legions hold ceremonies to retire flags if you do not feel comfortable doing it yourself.

The following days are suggested American Flag flying days; However, flags can be flown any day.

- All Patriotic Occasions
- State Holidays
- New Year's Day, January 1
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Third Monday in January
- Inauguration Day, January 20
- Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
- Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February
- Easter Sunday (variable)
- Mother's Day, second Sunday in May
- Peace Officers' Memorial Day, May 15 (**Half Staff**)
- Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May with (**POW/MIA Flag**)
- Memorial Day, the last Monday in May (**Half Staff Until Noon**) with (**POW/MIA Flag**)
- Flag Day, June 14 with (**Army Flag**)
- Independence Day, July 4
- National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27
- Labor Day, first Monday in September
- Patriot Day, September 11 (**Half Staff**)

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- Constitution Day, September 17
- National Firefighters Memorial Day, October (typically a Sunday during Fire Prevention Week, which is around Oct. 9 **(Half Staff)**)
- Columbus Day, second Monday in October
- Navy Day, October 27 with **(Navy Flag)**
- Veterans Day, November 11 with **(POW/MIA Flag)**
- Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7 **(Half Staff)**
- Christmas Day, December 25
- **The flag is to be flown at half-staff in mourning for designated, principal government leaders and upon presidential or gubernatorial order.**

### General Display

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

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Request the following flags be added on the Armed Forces and Kansas birthdays; Flags size (5x8)

**Kansas, 29 January 1861**

**Medal of Honor Day celebrated every year on March 25**

**Army, 14 June 1775**

**The first official flag of the United States, which was adopted by Congress in 1777, was named after its supposed creator, Betsy Ross, 4 July 1775**

**Coast Guard, 4 August 1790**

**National POW/MIA Recognition Day *is observed on the third Friday in September.***

**Air Force, 18 September 1947**

**Navy, 13 October 1775**

**Marine Corps, 10 November 1775**

**National Guard, 13 December 1636**

**Space Force, 20 December 2019**