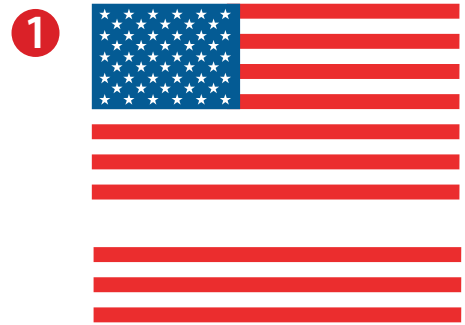


# How to fold the flag

Folding the flag neatly and ceremoniously in the traditional way (illustrated here) shows respect to our nation's symbol.

- 1 Straighten the flag to full length and fold lengthwise once.
- 2 Fold it lengthwise a second time to meet the open edge, making sure that the union of stars on the blue field remains outward in full view. (A large flag may have to be folded lengthwise a third time.)
- 3 A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge.
- 4 The outer point is then turned inward parallel with the open edge to form a second triangle.
- 5 The diagonal or triangular folding is continued toward the blue union until the end is reached, with only the blue showing.



## Did you know?

- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

# Flag etiquette guide

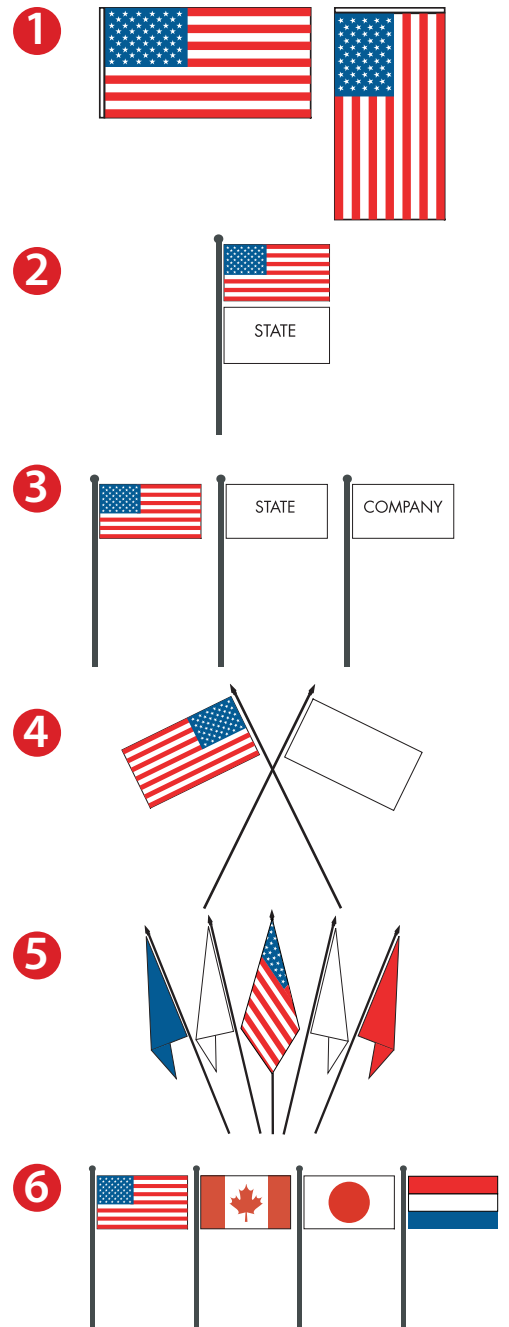
It is customary to display the flag from sunrise to sunset. However the flag may be displayed 24 hours if properly illuminated during hours of darkness.

- 1 When displayed either horizontally or vertically on a wall or in a window the blue field should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. See figure 1.
- 2 When other flags are flown on the same halyard (rope), the national flag must be at the highest peak. See figure 2.
- 3 When flags are flown on adjacent staffs, the national flag should be hoisted first and lowered last. No other flag should be flown above or to the right of the national flag except as shown in figure 5. See figure 3.
- 4 The national flag, when displayed on crossed staffs, should be on the flag's right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag. See figure 4.
- 5 The national flag should be at the center and highest peak when displayed with a group of flags. See figure 5.
- 6 When flags of other nations are displayed together, they must be displayed on separate staffs and at equal heights. The United States flag must be displayed on the flag's far right. See figure 6.

The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to half-staff position. On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff till noon only, then raised to the peak. By order of the United States President, the flag should be displayed at half-staff in accordance with a directive; the governor of any state, territory or possession may order the flags to half-mast in the event of a death of a present or former official.

## Did you know?

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.



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