

Rules for the American Flag

These are the rules and regulations that are expected to accompany the display of our nation's flag. On June 14, 1923, the National Flag Code was established with a list of advisory rules to be taken into consideration in regards to the flag.

- * The flag of the United States of America should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless the flag is illuminated.
- *The flag should not be used as a drapery or for any decoration in general.
- * When grouped with other national flags, all the flags should be of equal size and flown on separate staffs of the same height. International law forbids a nation's flag to be flown above any other nation's flag during peacetime.
- *The flag is should only be flown upside down as a distress signal.
- *When the flag is hung on a wall, the Union (blue) should always be to the observer's left whether hung vertically or horizontally.
- *The flag should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use.
- *It should be displayed on all holidays (weather permitting): New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Armed Forces Day, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day (half-staff until 12 p.m.), Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Constitution Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and all state holidays and state admission days.
- *The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.
- *Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly. Lower it ceremoniously.
- * Never place anything on the U.S. flag