

How to Display the Flag

1. When the flag of the United States of America is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.



2. The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right (that means the viewer's left), and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



3. The flag of the United States of America, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaves in a parade only by order of the President of the United States. If other flags are displayed along with the flag of the United States, all flags should be displayed at half-staff.



4. When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States of America, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States of America should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States of America or to the right of the flag of the United States of America (that means the viewer's left).



5. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace. In the United States, the flag of the United States of America takes the position of honor which is to the viewer's left. The remaining nation's flags are then displayed in alphabetical order.



6. When the flag of the United States of America is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.



7. When the flag of the United States of America is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.



8. When the flag of the United States of America is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.



9. When the flag of the United States of America is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right (that means to the viewer's left). When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, which is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or draping are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.



10. When the flag of the United States of America is carried in a procession with another flag, or flags, the flag of the United States of America should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.



11. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.



12. When the flag of the United States of America is on a platform, as if facing the audience, it should be on its right (the audience's left).



13. When the flag of the United States of America is off a platform, as part of the audience, it should be on its right (the audience's right).

