



## Flag Etiquette

Here are some basic rules and guidelines for caring for, flying, and folding the US Flag

Information courtesy of [http://www.scoutingbsa.org/council\\_info/misc/flag\\_regulations.html](http://www.scoutingbsa.org/council_info/misc/flag_regulations.html)

and

<https://www.almanac.com/content/us-flag-etiquette-rules-and-guidelines#:~:text=The%20flag%20should%20never%20touch,or%20damaged%20in%20any%20way.>

## Caring for the Flag

- The **flag** should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The **flag** should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- The **flag** should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored so that it might be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way
- The **flag** should never be used as covering for a ceiling.
- The **flag** should never have anything placed on it.

# Flying the Flag

- The flag should never be displayed with the union (stars) down, unless as a signal of dire distress.
- 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.
- The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- The flag should never be used as covering for a ceiling.
- The flag should never have anything placed on it.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose, nor embroidered on cushions or handkerchiefs, printed on paper napkins or boxes, nor used as any portion of a costume.



# Folding the Flag

*Pictures courtesy of [ushistory.org](http://ushistory.org)*

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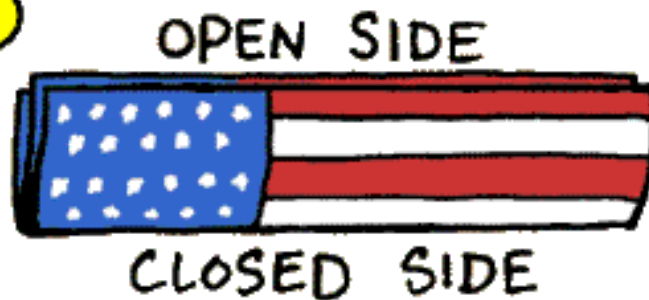


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(FLAG VIEWED FROM ABOVE)

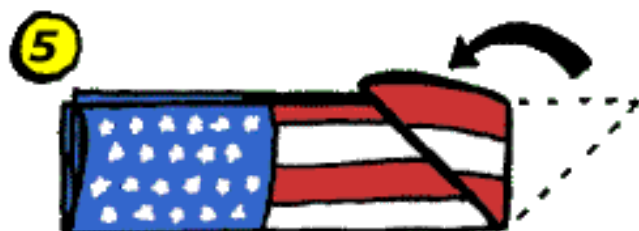
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FOLD UP A  
TRIANGULAR FLAP



FOLD TRIANGULAR  
FLAP OVER

6



FOLD 5  
MORE  
TIMES

1 SQUARE

1 TRIANGLE

7



FOLD ONE  
TRIANGLE  
FROM  
OTHER END

8



TUCK NEW  
FLAP  
IN

9



THE  
FINISHED  
PRODUCT