

UNITED NATIONS FLAG ETIQUETTE



TO DO'S	NOT TO DO'S
The Flag should always fly alone on its own mast or flagpole.	The Flag must not be modified, defaced, or marked in any way.
The Flag may be flown at night without being lit.	Never fly the Flag upside down for any reason.
When the Flag is raised or lowered, or when it is carried past in a parade or review, people should face the Flag, men should remove their hats, veterans and persons in service uniform shall salute, and all should remain silent.	The Flag may not be subject to any indignity nor may it be allowed to touch the ground and must never be dipped, meaning to lower it from a vertical position to one which is 45 degrees from the horizontal. It may not be smaller than other flags.
Half-mast the Flag only on occasions when a public demonstration of sorrow is officially called for.	Do not half-mast the Flag for a person other than the Secretary-General of the UN, a Peacekeeper or a Peacekeeping Veteran.
Fly the Flag in the international order of precedence, meaning behind the National Flag and in front of all other flags.	Do not use the Flag as a wall ornament, table cover, facing, curtain, or to cover a statue. Do not cloak yourself with it.
When there are several flags on different flag poles, the Flag must be flown at equal height with the other flags.	The Flag may not be flown sewn together with another flag. Do not salute the flag by placing your hand over your left breast.
The Flag is flown or carried to the left of the National Flag, of Canada, on the right when facing the flags.	Do not replace the Flag on its flagpole or mast with any other flag for any reason whatsoever.
It may be ceremoniously displayed on a pole at the funeral of a deceased Peacekeeper or Peacekeeping Veteran.	Do not cover the casket with the Flag. Only those who have served the United Nations in an official capacity have this honour.
Decorative gold fringe may be sewn around the exterior edge of the flag. Gold heading, sleeve, cord and tassel may be added.	Do not fly another flag above or below the Flag on the same flagpole. A ceremonial flag may not be flown from a flagpole.
Replace a faded or torn Flag with a new one. Dispose of an old Flag by burning it in private.	Do not burn or tear the Flag as part of any public ceremony. The flag may not be torn in order to dispose of it.
Always show respect for the Flag.	Do not fly the Flag when it is inappropriate.