

Palm Desert Resorter Architectural Guidelines for Flags:

FLAGS:

- A. Only (2) American Flags to be flown per unit, up to (1) at the front street side of unit and up to (1) at the rear golf course/greenbelt side.
- B. A U.S. flag consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white. There is a blue rectangle in the upper hoist-side corner bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars arranged in nine offset horizontal rows of six stars (top and bottom) alternating with rows of five stars.
- C. Flags may only be flown between sunrise and sunset unless illuminated by the unit's lighting.
- D. Flags may be no larger in either dimension than 5 feet high by 6 feet wide.
- E. Flags may not be flown upside down.
- F. Flags must be cleaned and mended as needed.
- G. Flags may not be displayed in such a manner as to permit them to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in anyway.
- H. The flying of additional smaller flags is permitted on patriotic holidays: (Martin Luther King, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, July 4th Independence Day, Veteran's Day etc.), subject to the limitation of section 4 below regarding "Holiday Decorations".

DECORATION FLAGS: Only (1) Deco Flag to be flown per unit, i.e. U.S. Military, College, and Holiday. No decoration flag larger than 3' x 5' or wind sock longer than 5'. Flags may only be flown between sunrise and sunset, unless illuminated by unit's lighting.

MOUNTING POLE MUST NOT BE MOUNTED ON ANY COMMON WALL. THE POLE MUST NOT EXCEED 6' IN LENGTH WITH NON-METAL CLIPS. FRAYED OR TORN FLAG/BANNER SHALL BE PROMPTLY REPLACED. FLAGS MAY ONLY BE CONSTRUCTED OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS: NYLON, POLYESTER, COTTON OR SIMILAR MATERIALS. FLAGS CONSISTING OF LIGHTS, PAINT, BALLOONS OR OTHER MATERIALS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

To assist owners, we have included the Flag Etiquette for displaying flags:

U.S. Flag Code. Here is a list of rules and guidelines for displaying the American flag and treating it with proper respect.

How to Properly Display the American Flag

- The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstaffs in the open, but it may be displayed at night upon special occasions to produce a patriotic effect.
- When the flag is hung vertically on a wall, window, or door, the Union (blue section) should be to the observer's left. When the flag is hung either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the Union should be to the observer's left.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.
- The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on:

New Year's Day, January 1

Inauguration Day, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, third Monday in January

Lincoln's Birthday, February 12

Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February

Easter Sunday (variable)

Mother's Day, second Sunday in May

Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May

Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May

Flag Day, June 14

Father's Day, third Sunday in June

Independence Day, July 4

Labor Day, first Monday in September

Constitution Day, September 17

Columbus Day, second Monday in October

Navy Day, October 27

Veterans Day, November 11

Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November

Christmas Day, December 25

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States

the birthdays of States (date of admission)

and on State holidays.

- The flag should be displayed at every public institution and in or near every polling place on election days, and at schoolhouses during school days.
- In a procession, the American flag should be to the right of any other flag or, if in a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.
- The flag should not be displayed on a float except from a staff, nor draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.
- When the flag is displayed on a vehicle, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis.
- No other flag should be placed above the American flag or, if they are to be placed on the same level, to the right of the American flag.
- The United Nations flag may not be displayed above or in a position of superior prominence to the United States flag except at United Nations Headquarters.
- The flag, when displayed with another against a wall—both from crossed staffs—should be on the right (the flag's own right), and its staff should be in front of the other staff.
- The American flag should be at the center and the highest point when displayed with a group of state flags.
- When flags of states, cities, etc., are flown on the same halyard, the American flag should be at the peak.
- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height, and the American flag should be hoisted first and lowered last.
- When displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff.

- When the flag is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out; or so suspended that its folds fall as freely as though the flag were staffed.
- When displayed over a street, the flag 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.
- On a platform, the flag should be above and behind the speaker, with the union uppermost and to the observer's left.
- When displayed from a staff in a church or auditorium, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience.
- When flown at half-staff, the flag should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to half-staff position. It should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. Half-staff is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. The flag must be flown at half-staff on all buildings on the death of any officer listed below, for the period indicated:
 - *For the President or a former President:* 30 days from the date of death.
 - *For the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives:* 10 days from the day of death.
 - *For an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a member of the Cabinet, a former Vice President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:* From the day of death until interment.
 - *For a United States Senator, Representative, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico:* the flag should be flown in the metropolitan area of the District of Columbia, on the day of death and on the following day; in the state, congressional district, territory, or commonwealth of such Senator, Representative, Delegate, or Commissioner, from the day of death until interment.
 - *For a Governor:* Within the state, territory, or possession, from the day of death until interment.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, the union should be at the head and over the left shoulder.

How **Not** to Display the American Flag

- The flag should not be dipped to any person or thing, including government officials—even the President.
- The flag should never be displayed with the union (stars) down, save as a signal of dire distress.
- 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.

- 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.
- When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem, it should be destroyed in a dignified and ceremonious fashion, preferably by burning. (Flag can be taken to any VFW or Base)