

IF YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR FLAGS, THEY WILL LAST LONGER

Flags are exposed to various outdoor conditions. Exposure to ultraviolet rays and strong winds can lead to the deterioration of flag fibres, especially around the sewn edges at the ends.

The lifespan of a flag greatly depends on the environmental conditions it faces. Flags exposed to harsh weather will not endure as long as those flown in milder climates. To extend the life of your flag, please follow the below maintenance guide.

1. Avoid flying your flags during periods of inclement weather especially in high winds coupled with rain - the very worst of conditions! It's recommended not to fly large flags in strong gales. Winds over 40km/hr for extended periods will reduce the life of a flag.
2. Constant exposure, such as flying a flag 24/7, will significantly reduce its lifespan compared to flags displayed only from sunrise to sunset. The extended flying time more than halves the flag's potential longevity.
3. It is preferable not to fly a wet flag. Having a wet flag makes it heavy in the wind and puts excessive strain on the fabric and stitching, and will greatly reduce the life of your flag. Should the flag become wet, it should be spread out and allowed to dry completely. Never place your flags in storage when wet or even damp.
4. When lowering a flag at sunset always roll up your flag and store in a dry place to prevent creasing.
5. A business should include as part of their compliance a process to regularly inspect the flag locker for any form of fatigue to ensure all elements are in good order. Once a month or after storms, inspect the flagpole, halyards, stay rod, clips and cleat. Should any problems be clear take urgent action to remedy the faults by completing repairs.
6. Flying a flag where the wind will whip it against rough surfaces, tree branches, gutters, roof edges, wires, or cables will cause tears resulting in a tattered flag.
7. Typically, flags may last anywhere from 6 to 12 months, though some have lasted up to 2 years. However, under severe weather conditions or if the flag becomes damaged by contact with structures, its life may be shortened to less than 3 months. For a flag to last, it must fly freely and be properly secured with flag clips to prevent entanglement.
8. Keep your flag clean of dust, dirt, and stains by regularly laundering it. Ideally this should be conducted at once prior to mending if the flag is showing any sign of wear. Remember grit grinds away at the fibres of material and a clean flag looks impressive. This is a matter of flag etiquette as well as good housekeeping.
9. All flags will need to be cleaned at some stage due to particles from the atmosphere that naturally accumulate in the fibres. This causes it to become grey and to lose its lustre. If left unaddressed, these trapped particles will start to eat away at the flag.
10. When washing a flag, soak the flag first then wash either by hand or in the washing machine using cold water with a mild liquid detergent.



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