








## The Do's

## and Don't's



# of Flag Etiquette

-  Do keep other surrounding flags lower than the U.S. flag as a show of respect and honor.
-  Do always allow the flag to fall free, not in folds.
-  Do display, use and store the flag in a way that will keep it from being easily damaged.
-  Do keep the flag free of any additional marks, insignia, words or pictures.
-  Do wear lapel flag pins on the left lapel next to the heart.
-  Do wear a flag patch on a uniform if you are military personnel, a firefighter, a police officer or a member of a patriotic organization.
-  Do properly illuminate the flag if it is displayed at night.

-  Do not dip the flag to any person or thing.
-  Do not let the flag touch anything below it. This includes the ground, the floor and other objects.
-  Do not use the flag as apparel or wear as a costume or athletic uniform.
-  Do not use the flag to cover or drape a speaker's stand or platform.
-  Do not use the flag to hold or carry anything.
-  Do not display the flag upside down. (This is only used as a signal of extreme distress.)
-  Do not destroy the flag in an undignified manner when it is no longer in fitting condition to display. Source: usflag.org.