

CANADIAN FLAG ETIQUETTE

The Canadian Flag should be displayed daily and on all holidays. The flag should be displayed only in a manner befitting the national emblem; it should not be subjected to indignity or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. The flag always takes precedence over all other national flags when flown in Canada. The only flags to which precedence is given over the Canadian flag are the personal standards of members of the Royal Family and of Her Majesty's representatives in Canada.

1. The flag should always be flown aloft and free.
2. It is improper to use the flag as a table or seat cover or as a masking for boxes, barriers, or intervening space between floor and ground level on a dais or platform.
3. Always store the flag in a manner that will prevent it from being torn, soiled or damaged.
4. When a flag becomes tattered and is no longer in a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way by burning it privately.

Displaying the Canadian Flag

When displaying the flag from an angled or horizontal staff, the upper part of the leaf should be up and the stem down.

When displaying the flag horizontally against a wall, the upper part of the leaf is to the left and the stem is to the right as seen by spectators.

If you display the flag crossed with another flag, the Canadian flag should be on the left of the observer facing the flags; the staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag. In a group of three, the Canadian flag should be in the center. The other flags should be in alphabetical order to the left and right. When more than three flags are displayed, the Canadian flag should be on the left of the observer facing the flag; the following flags should be in alphabetical order. An additional Canadian flag may be flown at the end of the line.

The Canadian flag should be raised first and lowered last, unless the number of flags permits their being raised and lowered simultaneously.

When the flag is displayed on a speaker's platform, it is placed to the speaker's right.

When displayed on a car, the flag must be on a pole firmly fixed to the chassis on the front right.

When flags from two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag, or when the flag is passing in parade all should face the flag. Hats should be removed and people should stand at attention, all should remain silent. Those in uniform should salute.

Folding the Canadian Flag

The flag is folded from the top down (to the stem of the leaf). You start at the left side of the flag, leaving the short rope attachments out. The flag is then folded the second time from top to bottom, and then folded in a triangular manner from left to right. Care must be taken to make sure that the top short rope is marked. When the flag has been folded, the rope is wrapped around the flag and the lower rope is tucked into it with a loop. The flag is now ready for raising the next day. The top rope (not tucked under) is clipped to the flagpole rope and the flag is raised to the top of the pole **STILL FOLDED**. The bottom rope is clipped to the other end of the flagpole rope. When the flag has been raised, the rope is pulled and the flag unfurls.