

FLAG USE

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- The National Flag takes precedence over all other flags. It should be hoisted first, on the highest, or equally high flagpole and lowered last.
- The National Flag should be hoisted (run up) briskly. It should be lowered slowly and should be gathered and folded without touching the ground.
- To avoid touching the ground, particular care should be taken when raising and lowering the flag. It should be gathered over the shoulder while being detached from the halyard.
- The flag should be flown on Australia Day.
- The flag should not be flown at night unless illuminated by a light.
- Flags are flown at half mast as a sign of mourning. The flag should be hoisted fully and then lowered one flag width down the mast.
- Flying the flag upside down is a sign of distress.
- The flag should not be flown if it is damaged.
- The correct disposal of a flag is to cremate it with due honour at the end of its flying life.

The publication 'Australian Flags' (available from the Australian Government Information Shop – (02) 9242 8500) details flag procedures and etiquette.

Materials – Flags are available with the pattern either printed (screen or digital) or in applique (fully sewn) in the following materials for outdoor use:

- Bunting – the traditional cloth, wears longest
- Trilobal – lighter, flows the best
- Polymesh – best quality, usually made to special order.

Sizes – Flags are manufactured in all sizes, but are usually referred to in Imperial sizes. A 'Two Yard' flag is three feet by six feet (900 x 1800mm approx), a 'Three Yard' flag is four foot six inches by nine feet (1400 x 2750mm approx) and so on.

Goldspar AAA Flagpoles manufactures the finest flag poles in sizes to match common flag sizes:

- 6 and 7.5 metre flagpoles to fly a 2 Yard flag
- 9 and 12 metre flagpoles to fly a 3 Yard flag
- 15 metre flagpoles to fly a 4 Yard flag