

PROTOCOL FOR DISPLAYING THE FREEDOM FLAG

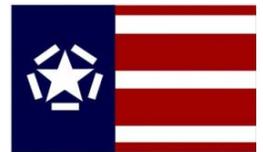
This protocol for displaying the Freedom Flag has been prepared to provide uniform institutional guidance to schools, fire stations, and government buildings, along with the general public on when and how to fly the Freedom Flag. In preparing this protocol, the Freedom Flag Foundation seeks to respect fully the existing protocols for flying the US Flag, all state flags, and other official flags. The Freedom Flag Foundation oversees distribution of Freedom Flags and welcomes any questions or suggestions related to this protocol at office@freedomflagfoundation.org.

The Freedom Flag has been flown at over 1,800 schools and over 30 states as a symbol of remembrance for 9/11. In 2018, the Freedom Flag was added to Virginia's state code as the Flag of Remembrance for September 11th, 2001 (VAC §1-510). Its symbolism invokes a solemn remembrance of the events of that day and of the 2,977 lives which were lost. Appropriate display of the Freedom Flag helps ensure that We Will Never Forget those who lost their lives and those who responded heroically on that day. The Freedom Flag should be displayed with honor, reverence, and respect. For new or replacement Freedom Flags, please visit www.freedomflagfoundation.org.

The Freedom Flag may be displayed with other flags as long as its display abides by the applicable protocols of those other flags. If flown with the US flag, the US flag shall be in a position of prominence over the Freedom Flag and shall be flown in accordance with United States Code Title 36 Chapter 10.

Freedom Flag Protocol:

- The Freedom Flag should be raised each September 11th (Patriot Day) and flown for as long as the user feels is appropriate (recommended for 1 week, but not later than the end of September).
- The top of the white star should point up. When displayed on a wall, the blue field should be to the left (see illustration).
- If flown on the same halyard as the US flag, the US flag should be lowered so that the Freedom Flag may be attached below it. Then both flags should be raised together.
- On September 11th, the US flag and Freedom Flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sundown in accordance with the observation of Patriot Day.
- **When raised in remembrance of September 11, 2001, the ten elements of the Freedom Flag should be read after the Freedom Flag has been raised, and a moment of silence shall follow.**
- Similar to the US flag, the Freedom Flag should be flown between sunrise and sundown on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. The flag may be displayed 24 hours/day if properly illuminated after dark.
- The Freedom Flag should not be flown in inclement weather unless it is waterproof.
- When displayed with other flags of significance, the size of the Freedom Flag should be smaller than the other flags or relatively equal to the size of the smallest flag. **The Freedom Flag should not overshadow the US flag or any other flag of national or state significance in any way.**
- If the Freedom Flag is flown in a group with the US Flag and state, local and/or society flags, the US flag should be in the center and flown the highest, and the Freedom Flag should be to one side, depending on its relative significance with the other flag(s) being flown.
- When flown with more prominent flags on adjacent staffs, the Freedom Flag should be hoisted *after* and lowered *before* those flags.
- The Freedom Flag should not be displayed on the same halyard as another nation's flag.
- If flown on the same halyard with a state or US Flag, the Freedom Flag should be below the state or US Flag.
- If the Freedom Flag is carried in a procession with other flags, it should be situated in a position relative to its significance with respect to the other flags.
- The Freedom Flag should be retired in the same manner as the US Flag.



Horizontal Display - Star Points Up, Blue Field to Left