



## Flag Flying & Care Notes

Just how long will a flag last is an impossible question to answer comprehensively. A flag left out in all weathers will obviously not last as long as a flag flown only fine weather and changed regularly. You can help to extend your flag's life by following a few simple rules –

- **ALWAYS** bring down the flag(s) in severe weather. If winds exceed Beaufort scale 6 / 31mph / 27 knots your flag should be taken down. Remember if its windy at ground level, then its far windier up a flagpole!
- **ALWAYS** allow a flag to dry before folding – This prevents mildew.
- **WASH** your flag on a regular basis, every month, or fortnightly particularly in more heavily polluted areas, such as City's or built-up areas.

- **WASHING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Woven polyester flags require a warm wash of 40C and knitted polyester a hot wash of 50C. Any proprietary brand of washing powder & stain remover may be used.

**Washing above these temperatures is not recommended.**

The point of regular washing of your flag(s) cannot be emphasised too strongly, dirt and acids that are carried in the atmosphere will destroy the material. If these are not washed off regularly, degradation will rapidly take place and the lifespan of your flag will be dramatically reduced. Remember if the flag(s) are left too long before cleaning, the task becomes almost impossible.

- **REPAIR:** Flags should be returned to the manufacturer for repair at the first sign of wear – **Do not leave it until the flag is beyond repair as this will result in a new flag!**
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER: DO NOT DRY CLEAN YOUR FLAG(S)**

