

# Notifications

[COVID-19 Updates](#): Taking steps to return to normal.

- [Public health restrictions](#): Alberta entered Step 2 on March 1.
- [Book your vaccine](#): Albertans 5+ can get it now. Get third dose when eligible.



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## Flag etiquette

Flag etiquette reflects long-standing Canadian customs to position flags at provincial events or ceremonies as symbols of honour and pride.

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## Overview

The manner in which the federal and provincial flags may be displayed in Alberta is established by standard practice. You are encouraged to become familiar with the protocols for the correct use of flags for display. For example, as a standard practice each flag must have its own pole, and flags flown together must be the same sizes.

## Protocol for flag displays

When the provincial flag is flown in display with one or more other flags, the order of precedence is:

1. Canadian flag
2. other national flag (for example, visit of ambassador or high commissioner)
3. Alberta flag
4. Others

Specific [guidelines for displaying the Alberta flag](#) (PDF, 419 KB) are available.

## Flags at half-mast

Flags are flown at the half-mast position as a sign of mourning or in observance of a special day. To half-mast a flag, the flag is brought to the half-mast position by first raising it to the masthead and immediately lowering it slowly to the half-mast position. The flag should be raised again to the top before lowering for the day.

- The Alberta Protocol Office issues public notices to stakeholders on half-masting occasions and suggested duration of observance.

Flags shall be flown at half-mast at all Government of Alberta sites from the notice of death to sunset on the day of the funeral on the death of:

- the Sovereign
- immediate members of the Royal Family
- current and former Governors General
- current and former Prime Ministers
- current and former Lieutenant Governors of Alberta
- current and former Premiers of Alberta

## Half-masting exceptions

All flags in a set should be flown at half-mast. However, the [lieutenant governor's personal flag](#) is normally flown at the Legislature Building and at his/her residence. It's never lowered to half-mast.

According to rules established by the federal government under the [Holidays Act](#), the Canadian flag must always be flown at full mast on Victoria Day in May and Canada Day on July 1, unless the flag is at half-mast for the death of: a British monarch; the Canadian prime minister; or the Governor General.

The flag must be flown at full mast on the day a new monarch is proclaimed.

## Annual half-masting days

- **National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge** (April 9): The flags at the Legislature Building and at McDougall Centre are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.
- **National Day of Mourning for Those Who Have Suffered and Died in the Workplace** (April 28): The flags at all Government of Alberta locations are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.
- **National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism** (June 23): The flags at the Legislature Building and at McDougall Centre are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.
- **Firefighters' National Memorial Day** (Second Sunday in September): The flags at the Legislature Building and at McDougall Centre are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.
- **Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day** (Last Sunday in September): The flags at the Legislature Building, McDougall Centre, Justice and Solicitor General Training Academy, all provincial

courthouses and correctional institutions across the Province of Alberta are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.

- **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation** (September 30): The flags at all Government of Alberta locations are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.
- **Remembrance Day** (November 11): The flags at all Government of Alberta locations are lowered to half-mast from 11 am to sunset.
- **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** (December 6): The flags at the Legislature Building and at McDougall Centre are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.

## Previous half-masting notices

Previous Alberta Protocol Office half-masting notices starting from January 2021, can be found below.

[View Alberta government half-masting notices](#)

**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

**Occasion:** To mark the National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

**Masting locations:** At the Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

**Occasion:** To mark the date of the Celebration of Life, honouring the late Mr. Dennis M. Barton, former Member of the Legislative Assembly, who passed away February 27, 2022.

**Masting locations:** At the Alberta Legislature Building.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Monday, December 6, 2021.

**Occasion:** To mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

**Masting locations:** At the Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

**Occasion:** To observe Remembrance Day and honour the memory of all Canadians who have served their country.

**Masting locations:** At all Government of Alberta buildings across the Province of Alberta.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

**Occasion:** To mark the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

**Masting locations:** At all Government of Alberta buildings across the Province of Alberta.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

**Occasion:** To mark Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building, McDougall Centre in Calgary, the Justice and Solicitor General Training Academy, provincial court houses, and correctional institutions across the Province of Alberta.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

**Occasion:** To mark the annual Firefighters' National Memorial Day.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

**Occasion:** The date of the funeral service, honouring the late Mr. John W. 'Jack' Cookson, former Member of the Legislative Assembly, who passed away on July 8, 2021.

**Masting location:** Alberta Legislature Building.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, June 23, 2021

**Occasion:** To mark the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From May 30, 2021 until sunset on Tuesday, June 8, 2021

**Occasion:** In memory of the 215 children whose remains were discovered at the Kamloops Indian Residential School and in honour of their families.

**Masting locations:** All Government of Alberta buildings across the Province of Alberta.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, April 28, 2021

**Occasion:** To mark the National Day of Mourning for Those Who Have Suffered and Died in the Workplace.

**Masting locations:** All Government of Alberta buildings across the Province of Alberta.

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**Masting period:** From Friday, April 9, 2021 until sunset on Saturday, April 17, 2021

**Occasion:** To recognize the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

**Masting locations:** All Government of Alberta buildings across the Province of Alberta.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Friday, April 9, 2021

**Occasion:** To mark the National Day of Remembrance for the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Thursday, March 11, 2021

**Occasion:** To mark the National Day of Observance for COVID-19.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Sunday, March 7, 2021

**Occasion:** The memorial service for the late Honourable Elaine McCoy, QC, who passed away on December 29, 2020.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Thursday, March 4, 2021

**Occasion:** The date of the service, honouring the late Janice Sarich, former member of the Legislative Assembly, who passed away on February 26, 2021.

**Masting location:** Alberta Legislature Building.

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**Masting period:** From sunrise until sunset on Saturday, February 13, 2021

**Occasion:** The date of the funeral service, honouring the late Leonard (Barry) Pashak, former member of the Legislative Assembly, who passed away on February 3, 2021.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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**Masting period:** From December 31, 2020 until sunset on Saturday, January 9, 2021

**Occasion:** The death of Calgary police officer Sgt. Andrew Harnett.

**Masting locations:** Alberta Legislature Building and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

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[National Flag of Canada half-masting notices](#) are also available online from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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