

## Flying Flags in the UK



While local councils are demanding the removal of flags, in many cases they have no right to. There is a government document at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flying-flags-a-plain-english-guide/flying-flags-a-plain-english-guide> which clearly grants permission to fly flags of following a reasonable criteria.

The basics:

### •Flag Size:

- Flags on a projecting flagpole cannot exceed 2 square meters.
- There are no size restrictions on flags flown from a vertical flagpole on a roof or within the grounds of a building.

### •Pole Types:

- Vertical flagpole on the roof of a building.
- Projecting flagpole from any part of a building other than the roof.
- Flagpole within the grounds of a building.

### •Pole Length:

- A flagpole within the grounds of a building may not exceed 4.6 meters above ground level.
- There are no maximum length limits mentioned for vertical flagpoles on a roof or for projecting flagpoles.

### •Character/Symbol Height (in controlled areas):

- Characters on a flag flown from a vertical flagpole on a roof can be no taller than 0.75 meters (or 0.3 meters in an area of special control).
- There are no restrictions on the size of characters on flags flown from a projecting flagpole.