



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Are aluminum poles superior to fiberglass poles?

Answer: Yes! Aluminum is superior to fiberglass and here are just some of the reasons why:

- **Strength and Durability:** Unlike fiberglass (*which is much more prone to breaking and cracking*), aluminum bends more often than it breaks. A significant downside to fiberglass is it's brittleness; it can splinter or shatter when subjected to high stress (eg. high winds) especially in cold conditions; this pretty much describes the Canadian winter. Aluminum flagpoles on the other hand will withstand extreme weather conditions and accidental contact, often without demarcation, or only minor dent or scuff. Whereas, fiberglass is brittle and when damaged it typically cracks or breaks which means damaged fiberglass poles typically have to be replaced entirely.
- **Effortless Maintenance.** Aluminum poles are true warriors against strong weather conditions such as strong winds, torrential rain, snow, hail and even the intense UV rays of the sun. No maintenance required. Whereas fiberglass poles are susceptible to damage due to the elements and must be maintained (much like a fiberglass boat), otherwise they look worn, faded and old over time. Aluminum continues to look great over the decades.
- **Resilience:** Aluminum's resilience sets it apart; aluminum forgives. Aluminum flagpoles have long been a popular choice due to their exceptional resilience. Aluminum flagpoles are true warriors against any weather conditions, including strong winds, torrential rain, snow, or even hail. Their strength makes them a stellar choice for residential and commercial settings alike. Fiberglass, on the other hand, is rigid and fragile (subject to shattering), low wind-resistance, low corrosion resistance, and has a shorter life cycle.
- **Longer Life:** Aluminum lasts longer! Due to the characteristics of aluminum over fiberglass, you can expect to have your aluminum pole for 50+ years and it will look great throughout it's lifecycle. This cannot be said for fiberglass.
- **Environmentally Friendly:** Aluminum is a 'green' choice. When it's time to replace your pole, aluminum is 100% recyclable. Fiberglass, on the other hand, is not environmentally friendly. It goes to landfill – that is a very brown footprint left behind by fiberglass.

Question: How do I prevent staining/markings on satin finished poles?

Answer: Satin finished aluminum poles can stain if allowed to remain in contact with wet or damp wrappings. If there is any sign of moisture on your wrapped pole, immediately remove the shaft from the cardboard tube, unwrap and dry completely. If the wrapped shaft is to be stored outdoors, store it off the ground and unwrapped. Snow, rain, wind and other weather conditions won't damage the pole.

Question: Are there tips to extend the life of my flag?

Answer: In conditions of high wind, sleet, hail or heavy rain, lower your flag. For more information see *How Long Will Your Flag Last*.

Question: Are there tips to extend the life of my aluminum flagpole?

Answer: In conditions of high wind, sleet, hail or heavy rain, lower your flag.

Question: How long will it take for my aluminum flagpole to rust?

Answer: Aluminum doesn't rust. Your flagpole is going to be rust free for its entire lifecycle.

Question: Do aluminum poles need regular maintenance?

Answer: Short answer – No! Unlike fiberglass, aluminum needs no regular maintenance. Fiberglass poles must be maintained as their coating is susceptible to weather (especially close to the water). Sun, wind, water, sleet and snow wear away the encapsulation on fiberglass poles, which means you must maintain your pole, (much like a fiberglass boat). Whereas, aluminum holds up under all weather conditions extremely well. Aluminum poles, like boats can withstand the sun, sleet, snow, wind and do not require maintenance to continue to look great!