

Clarinet Maintenance

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Guidance for you and your parents!!!

A clarinet is a big responsibility and will require a lot of special attention to keep it in working condition! Remember you are in charge of taking good care of this instrument as it is your new responsibility! It is recommended that only people who have musical training to assemble, play, or clean your instrument!



Never EVER EVER EVER

- 1. Get your clarinet wet! Water will damage your pads!!**
- 2. Use any product other than cork grease on your instrument.**
- 3. Grab your instrument by the keys! The metal bends easily!**
- 4. Use hot water to clean your mouthpiece!**
- 5. Try and adjust your Clarinet yourself! Take it to a music store because if you adjust it yourself it can cause serious damage!**



Daily Care:

- 1. Remove clarinet from case without touching the keys.**
- 2. Apply a small amount of cork grease to the tenons before putting it together!**
- 3. Use a gentle back and forth motion to twist the clarinet together. Pushing too hard can bend the keys, and break the joints!**
- 4. Don't over tighten your ligature! This will make it harder to play or break!**
- 5. Before putting your clarinet away, run your swab through to get all the spit and extra residue left in you instrument!**
- 6. Always take your reed off the mouthpiece and store it in a reed guard to keep it from warping!**
- 7. ALWAYS store your instrument in its case!**

Monthly Care:

- 1. Check all of your screws and keys!**
- 2. If any seem loose, take it to a music repair store so that they can fix it properly!**

Yearly Care:

Get your instrument in to be inspected by a professional to make sure your instrument is in optimal working condition!