

Flute Maintenance

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Guidance for you and your parents!!!

A flute 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 flute wet! Water will damage your pads!!**
- 2. Use oil or grease on any part of your flute!**
- 3. Grab your instrument by the keys! The metal bends easily!**
- 4. Mess around with the cap on your headjoint. It will mess with your sound!**
- 5. Try and adjust your flute yourself! Take it to a music store because if you adjust it yourself it can cause serious damage!**

Daily Care:

- 1. Remove flute from case without touching the keys.**
- 2. Always wipe the tenons before putting your flute together. (These are the pieces you twist into the other pieces) Small amounts of debris build up around the joints, and if you don't clean them it can become a problem!**
- 3. Use a gentle back and forth motion to twist the flute together. Pushing too hard can bend the joints!**
- 4. Before putting your flute away, run your swab through to get all the spit and extra residue left in you instrument!**
- 5. 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!