



Clarinet Care and Maintenance Guide

Proper instrument care and maintenance is essential for a good band experience. Practicing and playing your instrument is much more enjoyable when it is functioning properly. Use this guide to help you learn how to properly care for your clarinet.

Watch this [clarinet care and maintenance video](#) to help you learn more about taking care of your clarinet.

Essential Care and Maintenance	Frequency	Things to Remember & Key Concepts
Proper instrument storage	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never keep anything in your case except for your instrument and care supplies
Safe assembly and disassembly	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper alignment of upper joint and lower joint • Proper mouthpiece, reed, and ligature placement
Proper reed care	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out the 5th grade band reed guide for tips on how to take care of your reeds
Swab clarinet	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use clarinet swab to remove moisture from your clarinet after playing
Lubricate corks	Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use cork grease on corks to lubricate and make assembly and disassembly easier
Cleaning mouthpiece	At least once per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean mouthpiece with a mouthpiece brush, warm water, and a dab of liquid soap

Once you master essential care and maintenance, you can learn about other periodic maintenance

- ☐ Wipe away fingerprints with a soft cloth
- ☐ Inspect for loose pads, rods, springs, and missing corks or felts

Check out these other videos to learn more about caring for your clarinet

- ☐ [Video 1](#)
- ☐ [Video 2](#)
- ☐ [Video 3](#)