



Trumpet Care & Maintenance

Materials needed:

- Bathtub (or large sink)
 - 2 old towels
 - Liquid dish soap (grease-cutting)
 - Trumpet cleaning kit*
 - brass mouthpiece cleaning brush
 - trumpet snake brush
 - valve casing brush
 - slide grease
 - valve oil
- *Kits are available at any REW Music store location

Step 1 - Prepare the bath:

- Cover the bottom of the bathtub with 1 towel to protect your trumpet from dents
- Fill the tub with just enough room temperature water to cover the trumpet (don't put it in yet!)
- Add a few drops of dish soap

Step 2 - Taking your instrument apart:

- Remove each of these items and place separately in bath:
 - Valves
 - Valve caps
 - Slides (4)
- Place trumpet in bath, 2nd valve slide ports face up

Step 3 - Cleaning:

- Mouthpiece (*clean weekly*)
 - Run warm to hot water in separate sink
 - Wet inside and outside of mouthpiece
 - Scrub inside mouthpiece with mouthpiece brush, rinse
 - Dry with 2nd towel and put away
- Snake brush
 - Brush out tuning slide and 1st, 2nd, 3rd valve slides
 - Brush out each hole in all 3 valves
 - Brush out every open part of your trumpet (lead pipe, slide ports)
 - Rinse all parts as you do this
- Valve casing brush
 - Brush out inside of valve casings from top and bottom, rinse

Step 4 - Reassemble Trumpet:

- Drain water
- Dry outside of all instrument parts with 2nd towel
- Grease slides and replace
- Replace valve caps
- Oil valves and replace in correct valve casings (many instruments have valve numbers stamped on the valve and casing)
 - Click in place - Free-blowing air

Do this once a month to keep your instrument in top playing condition!