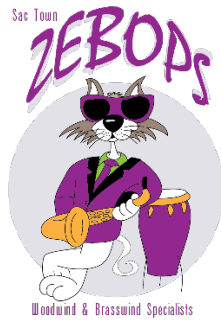


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General Musical Instrument Care

- When not in use, always keep your instrument in its case. Make sure case handles, hinges, locks and zippers are working properly.
- Never set anything on top of your instrument, and never store anything on top of your case.
- Do not leave your instrument in extreme temperatures at any time. This can cause the instrument to malfunction (perform poorly).
- Don't leave your instrument in a car, again where it's susceptible to hot/cold temperatures as well as humidity fluctuations.
- Don't leave your instrument unattended, whether inside or outside of its case.
- If your instrument is being brought indoors from colder temperatures, allow it to warm up for 15 minutes to room temperature before opening the case, especially if it's wood. This will prevent cracking.

- Keep your instrument clean of fingerprints and everyday dust and residue. Do this by wiping your instrument down with a clean, soft, non-treated cloth before storing.
- Never attempt to repair an instrument at home. If a repair is needed, take your instrument to a trained instrument repair specialist.
- Consider insuring your instrument against theft or damages.