

# LEONARDS MUSIC

## French Horn Maintenance Sheet

### What to do:

- ✓ Place your mouthpiece onto your instrument and gently twist into place, this will hold. Do not force the mouthpiece onto your instrument; this will cause it to get stuck.
- ✓ Oil your valves regularly (your teacher should show you how to do this). Valve oil cleans, lubricates and it fills air space. An un-oiled rotary valve will wear faster than a regularly oiled one.
- ✓ Lubricate all slides with slide grease at least monthly. Wipe off all excess grease.
- ✓ Store your instrument in its case when not in use. This will lower the risk of the instrument being dropped or damaged.
- ✓ Gently use a soft cotton cloth to wipe down your trumpet, if desired. One of the best ways to keep your instruments looking nice is by wiping off your fingerprints after every use.
- ✓ Your mouthpiece should not have any dents in the end of the shank. Dents allow the mouthpiece to become easily stuck and the dented shank can disturb the airflow of the instrument. If you dent your mouthpiece shank, please call us to schedule a repair.
- ✓ After playing, be sure to empty the moisture that built up in the tuning slides. Empty all of the slides one at a time empty all of the slides. This will prevent mold and corrosion.
- ✓ Be very careful with the bell of your instrument, the bell is very fragile and is easily damaged.
- ✓ Practice and have fun!

### What not to do:

- ✗ Never use any polishes or cleaners on your instrument. This is bad for the instrument and could cause damage.
- ✗ Do not store any music or papers inside of the case. Books and papers stored on top the instrument will damage it. Use your new Leonards Music bag for your music books.
- ✗ Do not put any stickers on your instrument or the outside of your case.
- ✗ Never leave your instrument on a chair, the floor or on any other surface where it can easily fall. When not in use, keep the instrument in the case.
- ✗ Never use any adhesives, pliers, hammers, etc. on your instrument. If the instrument is not working properly, please call us right away and we will repair it.
- ✗ **Do not bring your instrument to another music store or have your teacher try to fix it. Do not attempt home repairs.** *Damage from unauthorized work or repairs will not be covered.* **Please be sure to bring your instrument to one of our trained professionals for service.**