

# Instrument Cleaning Care

## LOW BRASS

Online Video at: [www.rockymountainmusicrepair.com/instrument-care](http://www.rockymountainmusicrepair.com/instrument-care)  
(click on Trumpet, same concept only larger instrument)

### Daily

- Oil valves before and after playing.
- Empty water through the waterkey.

### Weekly

- Wash mouthpiece with a brass mouthpiece brush and warm soapy water.
- Clean slides and re-grease with slide grease.
- Wipe fingerprints off with a soft cloth and Pledge furniture polish (for brass finish) or with a Silver Polish Cloth (for silver finish).
- Vacuum case to get rid of all debris.

### Every Other Month

- Give your instrument a bath. (See reverse side)

### Yearly

- Bring your instrument to a qualified repair technician for a professional valve alignment and deep clean.

### Cleaning Supplies Needed

- Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Brass Mouthpiece Brush, Low Brass Snake, Valve Casing Brush, Trumpet Cleaning Rod, Soft Cloth, Pledge Furniture Polish or Silver Polish Cloth



[Link to Cleaning Video](#)

# GIVING YOUR HORN A BATH

## (Trumpet & Low Brass)

### Prep

1. Place an old towel on the bottom of your bathtub, run luke-warm water with Dawn dish soap and fill bath so that the water will cover the brass instrument.
2. Place a dish towel on the counter top (this will be for the valves).
3. Remove all slides from the instrument and carefully place on towel in the bath.
4. Remove bottom caps and place on towel in the bath
5. Remove piston valves from the instrument and place on dish towel on counter. Do not place valves into the water/bath. Do not disassemble valves.
6. Place the body of the instrument in the bath.
7. Let the parts soak for 30 minutes.

### Clean

8. Use your snake to scrub out the insides of the slides and tubing on the horn.
9. Use the valve casing brush to scrub out where the piston valves go.
10. Rinse everything with clear water.
11. Let dry overnight.

### Reassemble

12. Use the cleaning rod with a soft cloth to remove any residual oil from the slides, tubes and valve casing.
13. Wipe piston valves with a clean cloth.
14. Oil piston valves with valve oil. Place a dot of valve oil on the top threads and then reinsert valves into horn.
15. Grease slides with slide grease and reinsert into horn.
16. Place a dot of valve oil on the bottom threads, and then screw on bottom caps.
17. Clean fingerprints and water marks from the outside with a clean cloth and Pledge furniture polish.