French Horn Care Guide

Before Playing:

Apply oil to the top and back of each valve:

- Remove valve caps
- Add a drop of oil in the centre of the valves
- Put the caps back on and gently tighten down
- Add a drop of oil in the small gap between the stationary valve plate and the turning rotor post

Never force your mouthpiece onto your instrument. If it ever gets stuck, don't try to remove it yourself by using force. Instead, contact Bandology or go to a local music store — they will likely have a mouthpiece removal tool.

After Playing:

Remove excess moisture from the inside of your French horn. When removing any tuning slide to empty the water out of it, be sure to press all the valves down to release pressure on the joints.

Use a clean, soft cloth to wipe down the outside of the French horn.

Storage:

Store your French horn properly in its case when you're not using it. Never store your French horn in extreme hot or cold temperatures.

Loose items can damage your instrument. Do not put sheet music or other items in your case unless there is a designated compartment for them.

When carrying your French horn, double-check that the case latches are securely closed. Carry the lid of your case against your leg for extra protection.

Weekly Maintenance:

Wash your mouthpiece weekly with warm water, soft liquid soap and a brush.

If slides are difficult to move, clean them with a soft cloth. Then, apply a small amount of slide grease on them and carefully re-insert them back into your instrument.