

Brass Maintenance

Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones, Tuba, French Horn

Every Time You Play:

- Use your water key to empty the water from your instrument
- Wash out your mouthpiece (inside and out) with hand soap and warm (not hot) water

Every Week:

- Trumpets/Baritones/Tuba: Oil your valves using Valve Oil
- Trombones: Oil your long slide using Slide Oil or Slide Cream
- French Horn: Oil your valves using Rotary Valve Oil

Every Few Weeks:

- Grease your tuning slides using Slide Grease (if you don't, they will become very stuck)
 - Pictures of each instrument's tuning slides are at the bottom
- Wipe your instrument with a soft polishing cloth

Every 6 Months:

- Give your instrument a bath (see the "[Instrument Cleaning Instructions](#)" page of the Galvin Bands website for instructions).
 - Make sure to oil your valves/slide and grease your tuning slides after giving your instrument a bath!

