



Clarinet Winter Care

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Clarinet

-New Clarinets need to be protected from cracking. Limit your playing of the new clarinet to under 20-30 minutes at a time until it is seasoned.

-Dryness and temperature fluctuation are wood's worst enemy.

-Blowing hot air through a cold Clarinet is NOT recommended.

-The top half of the Clarinet is the most important to warm up first.

-Wrap your hands around the top or use your armpit to warm up the instrument. Once the top part of the clarinet is warm you can safely play it.

-It is not unusual for the metal rings to become loose and spin when the wood is cold and dry.

-Use orange peels in your case to help maintain moisture, but DO NOT forget about them.

-Dampit is also a useful tool for moisture control: <https://www.dampits.com/>
DO NOT place the Dampit inside the Clarinet, but in the case on top of the instrument.

-Oiling the Clarinet: DO NOT oil the bore or the body of the clarinet. Only use key oil on the keys.

-While you are greasing your corks with cork grease add a little to the top tenon of the top joint to protect from damage due to excess moisture.

-Never leave your Clarinet near a heating or cooling vent.

-Avoid leaving your Clarinet out: swab, flick, and wipe any excess moisture and put it in the case.