



# Trumpet Care & Maintenance, Video Outline

## Materials needed:

- Bathtub (or large sink)
  - 2 old towels
  - Liquid dish soap (grease-cutting)
  - Trumpet cleaning kit\*
    - brass mouthpiece cleaning brush
    - trumpet snake brush
    - valve casing brush
    - slide grease
    - valve oil
- \*Kits are available at any REW Music store location



## Step 1 - Prepare the bath:

- Cover the bottom of the bathtub with 1 towel to protect your trumpet from dents
- Fill the tub with just enough room temperature water to cover the trumpet (don't put it in yet!)
- Add a few drops of dish soap

## Step 2 - Taking your instrument apart:

- Remove each of these items and place separately in bath:
  - Valves
  - Valve caps
  - Slides (4)
- Place trumpet in bath, 2nd valve slide ports face up

## Step 3 - Cleaning:

- Mouthpiece (*clean weekly*)
  - Run warm to hot water in separate sink
  - Wet inside and outside of mouthpiece
  - Scrub inside mouthpiece with mouthpiece brush, rinse
  - Dry with 2nd towel and put away
- Snake brush
  - Brush out tuning slide and 1st, 2nd, 3rd valve slides
  - Brush out each hole in all 3 valves
  - Brush out every open part of your trumpet (lead pipe, slide ports)
  - Rinse all parts as you do this
- Valve casing brush
  - Brush out inside of valve casings from top and bottom, rinse

### To prevent sticky, gummy valves:

- Always have valve oil in your case
- Only oil your valves with your own valve oil
- If you want to change the valve oil product you use, first clean your instrument so there is no leftover oil before using the new
- When different valve oils mix, they **OFTEN** react together and create an undesirable sticky residue

## Step 4 - Reassemble Trumpet:

- Drain water
- Dry outside of all instrument parts with 2nd towel
- Grease slides and replace
- Replace valve caps
- Oil valves and replace in correct valve casings (many instruments have valve numbers stamped on the valve and casing)
  - Click in place - Free-blowing air

Do this once a month to keep your instrument in top playing condition!