



Violin/Viola Maintenance Sheet

What to do:

- ✓ Tighten your bow for use and loosen it when storing.
- ✓ Rosin your bow prior to playing.
- ✓ It is highly recommended that you only have your teacher tune your instrument until you are shown the correct way.
- ✓ When needing to tune, be sure you loosen the fine tuners slightly prior to moving the tuning peg.
- ✓ Store your instrument in its case when not in use. String instruments are very fragile. This will lower the risk of your instrument being damaged.
- ✓ After playing, be sure to remove the sponge or shoulder rest before storing.
- ✓ Practice and have fun!

What not to do:

- ✗ Never use any polishes or cleaners on your instrument. This is bad for the wood or varnish and could cause damage.
- ✗ Do not store any music or papers inside of the case. Books and papers stored on top the instrument will damage it. Use your new Leonards Music bag for your music books.
- ✗ Be sure to remove your sponge and elastic or shoulder rest prior to storing it in your case. The damage caused by this will is not covered by warranty or insurance.
- ✗ Do not put any stickers on your instrument or the outside of your case.
- ✗ Never leave your instrument on a chair, the floor or on any surface, where it can easily fall. When not in use keep the instrument in the case.
- ✗ Never use any adhesives, pliers, hammers, etc. on your instrument. If the instrument is not working properly, please call us right away and we will repair it.
- ✗ **Do not bring your instrument to another music store or have your teacher try to fix it. Do not attempt home repairs.** *Damage from unauthorized work or repairs will not be covered.* **Please be sure to bring your instrument to one of our trained professionals for service.**