

Keeping Your Fiddle Happy

Daily:

1. Wash the pizza off your hands before you handle the fiddle.
2. Use rosin sparingly.
3. Don't touch the hair on the bow or the strings where you play.
4. When you're done practicing, loosen the hair in the bow.
5. Wipe your fiddle off with a dry rag before you put it away.
6. Place the case in a safe place where it won't be in the sun or next to the heat ...or get stepped or sat on!

Every 3 – 6 Months:

1. Change the strings
2. Check carefully for cracks or open seams.

When to call the “doctor”

If...

1. You notice a crack or a seam coming apart
2. There are any strange buzzes
3. The soundpost falls over... please do not try to set it up yourself.
4. The hair is shedding on your bow.
5. The screw on the bow does not work smoothly
6. The bridge is tipping and you don't know how to safely straighten it.
7. A peg won't turn...don't use pliers!
8. A peg won't hold

Rocket Music carries accessories such as strings, rosin, tuners, bows, cases and instruments for rent or purchase. We also repair and adjust instruments, and we carry the instruction books used by the *String Project* at Virginia Tech and Radford.



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