

String Instruments - General Care

Instrument Storage

- Store your instrument in your case unless you have a stand or safe place to keep it
- Make sure you use any straps in your case to secure instrument
- Do not store method books, music, or folders in your case
- Make sure your case has a tag with your name and contact info

Bow Care

- Always loosen your bow hair when you are finished playing—leaving your bow tight will damage it over time
- Do not over-tighten your bow, just enough that your hair will not touch the bow using normal pressure
- Apply some rosin every time you play
- Keep your hands off the hair as much as possible

When You're Done Playing

- Wipe down your strings and body of the instrument
- Loosen your bow
- Store your instrument safely (in case or safe spot)

Check your Bridge!

- Sometimes bridges start to bend or tilt
- Making sure it's straight will help lengthen the life of your bridge
- Ask an adult or your teacher to help you straighten it or teach you how to do it.