

# HOW TO GIVE YOUR TRUMPET A BATH

1. Fill a large sink, bath tub, or plastic bin with about 4 inches of warm (not hot) water and some dish soap (just one big squirt is enough).
  - a. If the water is too hot, the coating on the trumpet will come off!
2. Take out the 3 valves, and lay them somewhere safe where they won't get scratched or dented.
  - a. Do not soak these! There are pieces of felt that will disintegrate if they get wet.
3. Take off all of the slides that come off, and lay them in the soapy water.
  - a. If any are stuck, you can leave them on - do not try to pull too hard or you may bend or break the trumpet.
4. Carefully lay the trumpet, mouthpiece, and all of the slides in the warm soapy water.



5. Let soak for 15 minutes (everything but the valves).
6. After 15 minutes, use a mouthpiece brush to scrub the inside of your mouthpiece.



7. Use a soft brush to scrub the insides of the valve casings (tubes where the valves go).
  - a. Do not scratch these tubes, or else your valves will stick a lot! If you don't have a soft brush, skip this step!



8. Use a trumpet snake (a brush on a long wire) to scrub the insides of the slides, as well as all of the tubes on the trumpet (but **not** where your valves go – too scratchy!)



9. Take each valve one at a time (remember not to soak them!) and rinse the bottom half under warm water. Use your fingers to rub dish soap on them to clean them, without scratching them.
  - a. Try not to get the top halves too wet (where you put your fingers), or else the felt pieces will disintegrate!

10. Rinse everything thoroughly to get rid of any soap.

11. Lay all of the parts out on a soft towel for several hours so they can drain and drip-dry.

12. Once everything is dry, you can re-assemble your trumpet, **oil your valves**, put a little bit of slide grease on each of your tuning slides so they don't get stuck, and put it back in the case!