



# Things for Strings

Here is a checklist of typical items you will need to get ready to play! Each item already checked is included - **AT NO CHARGE** - with your rental or purchase from **Musical Innovations**. You may also want to check with your music teacher for any additional items he or she suggests:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rosin (included for violin/viola/cello) | <input type="checkbox"/> a cleaning cloth            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a shoulder rest (violin/viola)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> polish and/or rosin remover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a rock stop (cello/bass)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> a pencil                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> your method book (textbook)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> a music stand               |

*(All of these things are available through **Musical Innovations**)*

## Some things to remember:

- Please keep your instrument in its case when not in use. Keep it in a room that is not too warm or cold; not too humid or dry. Use a humidifier if necessary to keep the humidity in the case between 40% and 55%.
- Please **do not** let anyone else play your instrument.
- Remember that your **fine** tuners are for **fine** adjustments only! Cranking them down too far can warp your bridge, snap your strings or even cause a crack in your instrument (please note that overuse of the fine tuners **will void your Maintenance Coverage as well**). You can bring your instrument for a **FREE** tuning **any time**, and we will let out the fine tuners, tune from the pegs, and check your instrument set up for you.
- Remember to **loosen your bow** when you are done playing, and gently wipe any excess rosin off your instrument and strings. Keeping your bow tight all the time can cause the frog to break away from the shaft, and you would then need to replace your bow (unfortunately, **bows are not covered under our MRC**).
- Your instrument will need to have regular maintenance checkups to ensure it remains in proper playing condition. **This should be done at least every six months** to keep your warranty in effect.
- Remember, practice is an essential part of playing an instrument. Practicing is actually "strings homework," and should be given the same importance as homework in any other academic subject. Give it your best, and you will be amazed how rapidly you progress!
- **Instruments belonging to Musical Innovations cannot be left overnight at school at any time.**
- If you have any questions or difficulties, please see your teacher right away!

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