



# Warning! Cold Weather

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During the winter months, your oboe/clarinet will get cold. DO NOT play it right away!! Your instrument needs to warm up from the outside of the wood to the inside bore, so no blowing through the instrument to warm it up. Plan on needing a few extra minutes to warm up your instrument by holding it in your hands or placing it under your arm while you prepare your reeds and music. The warmer the instrument is, the less chance you will have of cracking and less condensation build up inside your instrument.

If you need to ship your instrument during the winter months don't worry, time is your friend. When you receive your instrument from the cold delivery truck, let the box set out for several hours before opening. Then open the box and let your case set out for several hours before opening. Good things come to those who wait :)

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