Jack's Piano Tuning

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Best basic maintenance and tips!

- At a minimum, your piano should be tuned **TWICE PER YEAR!** If a piano is not tuned at least twice per year, it may take more than one tuning to keep the piano in tune. If a piano is played often, your piano may need more than 2 tunings per year.
- Pianos are very fussy instruments, but we live in New England. If possible, a piano should be kept in a room away from saltwater air, open windows, heating vents, radiators, and direct sunlight. Ideal relative humidity for pianos is 42-50%.
- You shouldn't spray anything on the keys to clean them! Use a microfiber cloth (not a paper towel) and give them gentle cleaning.
- You should not use a furniture polish on the interior or exterior of a piano! Instead, use your microfiber cloth to dust the piano. If you cannot clean a mess with a microfiber cloth alone, you should use a specialized piano cleaner to prevent damaging any finish on the piano or its components.
- Moving a piano? Whether it's across state lines or across the room, moving a piano can seriously affect the tuning. If you need to move a piano, avoid quick jerks and bumps. If you just want to clean behind your upright, you should be fine.
- When a piano is not in use, you should close all covers to prevent dust, critters, or sun damage.
- You should never touch piano strings with your bare hands. The oils from your skin can cause the strings to oxidize, which weakens the strings.
- Mold and critter droppings are very common in pianos (a good first place to check if you are concerned about either issue in your home!). If you have either in your piano, you may vacuum anything loose. If you do, you should avoid contact with any of the piano's components. If you do not feel comfortable vacuuming your piano or removing piano paneling, call Jack's Piano Tuning!

Any questions? Any time!

Contact Jack's Piano Tuning for maintenance and cleaning!