



## Clipper Maintenance Tips

There are things that you can do to keep your clippers in working order for a longer period of time.

### Oil Your Blades

- Before you clip, point your blades down and put a thin layer of oil along the top of the blades (it's important to point the blades down when doing this to ensure that the oil does not run down into the motor).
- Run the clippers for 15-30 seconds. Before you begin clipping, turn the clippers off and wipe any excess oil off with a rag to prevent oil from getting on your horse's coat.
- If you are putting the blades away immediately after oiling them, do not wipe the excess oil off. This will help keep your blades protected while in their case.
- While clipping, periodically put more oil or a different lubricant on your blades to help keep them cool.
- Clipper blades eventually do become dull. You can then replace them or send them to a professional for sharpening.

### Storage

- Always detach the blades from the body of the clippers for storage.
- Never wrap the cord around the clipper body. This can create tiny cracks in the cord, causing it to malfunction. Instead, wrap the cord in a figure-8 pattern, securing the middle with a rubber band.
- Keep the blades in a secure location with lubrication—for example, in a small plastic bag with a little oil.

### Other Tips

- A dirty coat will dull clipper blades much faster than a clean coat, so it's important to bathe your horse before clipping if possible.
- If you are clipping a large area, as in a trace or body clip, make sure to detach the blades and remove hair from them periodically.
- Always clean the blades before putting them away.
- Avoid using kerosene as a blade wash, as this can make modern blades rust.