

How's Your Hearing?

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Time for Spring Cleaning!

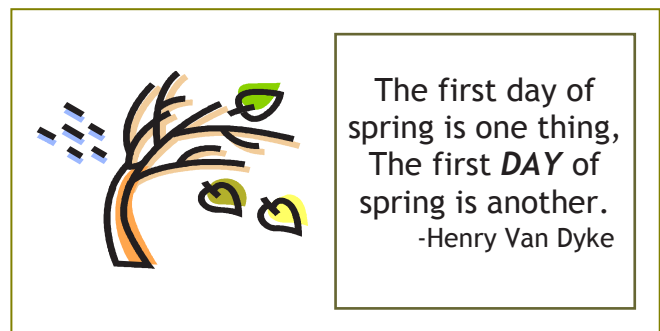
Springtime is traditionally a time for making all things fresh and new. It is also a good time to refresh your hearing aid cleaning regimen. A few newsletters back, we detailed a good daily cleaning routine for you. Since it has been awhile, we'll outline these again.

- 1) **Have a tissue ready** before you remove your hearing aids. Fold this tissue into quarters.
- 2) **Wipe the entire aid**, paying special attention to the part of the shell or mold that goes into your ear canal. If you have ears that are prone to infection, disinfecting your aids is recommended. Two or three sprays applied directly onto

Waxguards

Most of our patients have some form of waxguard in their hearing aids. Just as its name suggests, the purpose of the waxguard is to keep earwax out of the hearing aid. Earwax can easily damage the receiver of the hearing aid, thus causing aid malfunction.

Internal waxguards: Internal waxguards most often look like a tiny spring or coil, like this



The first day of
spring is one thing,
The first **DAY** of
spring is another.
-Henry Van Dyke

the tissue before wiping the aid works to protect the wearer from bacteria that can infect the skin of your ear canal and cause soreness, itching, swelling, pain, and/or ear odor.

- 3) **Examine the openings.** Check for wax build-up, and use the cleaning tool to remove any wax. Be gentle! Make an appointment to go over cleaning with your audiologist if you need a refresher.

This waxcoil or waxspring goes down into the receiver tube of your hearing aid and sits over the receiver to protect it from earwax. This type of waxguard collects earwax, so it may need to be removed and replaced with a new spring every so often. This is done by your audiologist. How do you know if it needs to be changed? If it seems as though your hearing aid is not working and you know the battery is good, then it's time to call your audiologist.

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External Waxguards: External waxguards have become very popular in recent years. What is the benefit? The patients can change them on their own at home and it is easy to do! These types of waxguards need to be changed about every 1-3 months, depending on how quickly they become full. If you have this type of waxguard system, you need to be sure to read your user's guide carefully or see your audiologist if you need more practice. Additional cards of replacement waxguards can be obtained from our office.



Reminder! Walk-In Hours

Peoria.....every Friday 1-3:00 PM

Morton.....every Monday 1-3:00 PM

Please call ahead for availability / wait time.

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