

Ephrata Marching Band Uniform Care

“Do’s”

1. Keep this information for questions about uniform care.
2. You may wear athletic shorts or sweatpants under the jumpsuit. **NO ZIPPERS!** Wear your show t-shirt under your jacket.
3. Hem the jumpsuits so that you do not march on and ruin the bottom! If the hem is damaged, you will be charged for an entire jumpsuit. The dry cleaners will hem them for a small fee.
4. We will be offering dry cleaning after 4 game/performances during season for \$8 each time. **This is expected care** of your uniform so that stains from normal wear don’t set in.
5. Take your uniform to the dry cleaner ASAP for stains from grass, ketchup, mustard or soda. Be careful at football games! Girls please be careful if wearing makeup. It stains the white collars.
6. If you use a different dry cleaner other than Modern Cleaners, make sure they know how to clean our uniforms.
7. Cost will be higher if you take your uniform to the dry cleaner on your own.
8. **Remove baldric and cape** (front and back pieces for jacket) **and neck liner** before dry cleaning. They can be ruined by dry cleaning. Soiled areas on baldrics may be cleaned with mild soap and small amount of water.
9. After each performance, air out the uniform **outside** of the garment bag and hand wash the neck liner with mild soap. Gauntlets and hats should be also be aired out overnight after a performance.
10. When hanging uniforms, fold pants on their creases and hang on plastic hangers.
11. Be careful with your hat! The emblems on the helmets can be broken easily if it is dropped.
12. Shoes can be cleaned with a damp cloth and polished as needed.
13. Report any repairs needed throughout the season.
14. Raincoats are brand new! Please take care of them. Instructions for washing them are on the tag in coat. Hang them up after each performance.
15. Return the complete uniform at end of band season on the sturdy hanger provided. Keep track of your “E.” It must be returned at the end of the season!

Don’ts

- **Don’t cut any part of your uniform for any reason.**
- **Don’t wash any part of your uniform in a washing machine.**
- **Don’t store a wet or damp uniform in the garment bag.**
- **Don’t use a hair drier or clothes drier to dry the uniform.**
- **Don’t store the raincoat wet, it will get moldy.**