

Camera Tips Sheet

Focus Lock

- Focus on the subject in the foreground
- Reframe your picture – hold, recompose and shoot

Making Your Camera Battery Last Longer

- Use rechargeable batteries
- Keep extra batteries with you at all times
- Use less LCD monitor
- Avoid excessive playback
- Keep your batteries warm
- Recharge your batteries right before using them

3 Steps To Better Digital Prints

- Watch the resolution - general guideline, try to keep your resolution between 200-300 DPI
- Use Good Paper - When printing photos, use a "photo" paper
- Printer Settings – set your printer properties

Storing Digital Photos

First Choice - external USB drives

- USB drives are faster than burning to CD, and tend to be more reliable. Plus, you can plug the drive in, edit your photos, and resave since it acts like a regular drive.

Secondary Back Up on CDs

- Back up your images onto CD, then store them in a cool, dark, dry, and safe location. I'd also re-backup everything at least once a year. CD wear out and if they get scratch you will not be able to recovery any photos off of them.

Caring for your Camera

- Dust, Dirt and Sand
 - When your camera not in use it should be kept in a case
 - Clean off your camera with a soft cloth or low-pressure compressed air can
 - Only use a cleaning solution and tissue made for use on cameras
 - Apply cleaning solution to tissue, never the lens
- Moisture
 - Water or moisture of any type can seriously damage your camera
 - Always protect your camera from any exposure to water
 - If your camera gets wet remember to wipe it down immediately
 - If you camera becomes submerge in water remove the battery immediately, wrap it plastic and bring it into the nearest service center
- Temperature
 - Never leave your camera in your car
 - Extreme heat can turn internal lubricants into very thin liquid that can migrate to other areas of the camera
 - Excessive heat can warp or distort plastic parts
 - Extreme cold can freeze lubricants
 - Cold temperatures will also drain your battery
 - Changes from cold to warm temperatures can cause moisture to build up with the camera
- Impact
 - Impacts can severely damage your camera
 - Use care when using a tripod-tripod accidents are the leading cause of impact damage to cameras
- Scheduled Cleanings and Checkups
 - It is a good idea to have your camera check over once a year – camera require periodic maintenance