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**daily use (with ink 4001 royal blue or Edelstein Ink sapphire):**
Close your fountain pen with its cap every time you don't use it.

Wash the pen once a year with cool water. Fill the pen with water and empty it by rotating the piston mechanism. Repeat the process several times.

**rarely used:**
Empty the fountain pen every 6 months and wash it with cool water. If the pen is not used for a longer period of time, you need to clean the pen before use.

Never use any dish-washing liquid or alcohol!
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Use of colored ink (with the exception of royal blue and Edelstein Ink sapphire):
Close your fountain pen with its cap every time you don't use it. All colored inks contain pigmentation. Therefore you need to wash your fountain pen more often.

Never use any dish washing-up liquid or alcohol!

Use of India ink:
India ink contains more carbon black particles than other inks. These black particles accumulate in the fine capillary of the ink feeder which will ultimately result in a blocking of the ink feeder. Therefore do not use India ink with your fountain pen.
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If you use your fountain pen rarely, store it clean (no ink inside), dry parts out separately overnight, and wash it every three to five months.

Do not buy too much ink at once and use it within 12 to 18 months.

Always close the cap to make sure that the pen is ready to write whenever you need it.

Never use any dish washing-up liquid or alcohol!
How to fill a piston fountain pen

1. Before filling, advance the piston by turning the knob to the left.
2. Dip the nib in its full length into the ink and fill the pen slowly.
3. When the piston comes to a halt, return a few drops of ink to the ink bottle by turning the knob to the right.
4. Hold the pen in an upright position (nib pointed up) and turn the knob until the piston comes to a stop.

Wipe the grib area of the fountain pen with a soft tissue to remove any remaining ink drops.