

How Often To Tune Your Piano:

Bringing a piano's pitch up 100 cents adds 4000 pounds to the stress that's between the bottom of all the strings and the top of those strings. 50 cents adds 2000 pounds.

This added stress to the frame and wood members and sound board of the piano causes the Piano to want to flex back and change its dimensions. It wants to spring back to where it was.

As a result the information below is a "rule of thumb" for pitch adjustments.

New pianos: tune in 1 month, then in 2 months, then in 3 months, then in 4 months and every 6 months from then on.

Older pianos:

Pitch raising:

0 to -10c low – tune normally 6 months.

-10c to -20c tune in 2 months and then every 6 months.

-20c to -25c tune again in 1 month.

-25c or more- tune in 2 weeks and then in 3 months and then every 6 months.

This means that if you keep your piano up to pitch, these pitch adjustments won't be necessary or as necessary and the piano will tend to be more stable. Letting it go for long periods causes or gives the piano time to change pitch which is when we have to do a pitch adjustment just to get it close to pitch so we can fine tune the instrument.