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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2019. Now is the time of year that we all start to think about getting healthy for the New Year. We start eating healthy and exercising, we often times forget that it is important to take care of our hearing as well.

If you haven't had a hearing test or it has been a while now is a great time to have that done.

We look forward to continuing to grow and serve the Cy-Fair community!

Buying New Hearing Aids - Top 10 List for Buyers



Buying a hearing aid is an important decision on many levels as it is an investment in both money and time. However, the benefits one can gain from improved hearing will outweigh those investments daily. Therefore, it is important to take the right approach in shopping for a hearing aid to ensure you or a loved one get the optimal solution for improving

hearing capabilities. At Cy-Fair Hearing we offer this top 10 list of tips for anyone planning to buy new hearing aids, as well as our always complimentary appointments to get started.

1. Research [hearing aids types](#) – Learn about [hearing aids types](#) and hearing [technology](#) to gain a basic understanding of the many choices available. On our website we provide important information about the advancements in today's technology for reference.

2. Undergo a hearing test and complete hearing evaluation – A comprehensive hearing test and evaluation is the first step toward identifying hearing loss and finding the right hearing aid for a specific hearing problem. At Cy-Fair Hearing we will work with you to provide recommendations for appropriate hearing aid solutions, if necessary, based upon your hearing evaluation and lifestyle needs.

3. Honestly identify hearing needs – Some hearing aids are well suited for noisy situations; others are not. Some hearing aid types are perfect for an active lifestyle, while others are better suited for quiet activities such as watching television or listening to music. Features, controls - even color - may be important factors to consider when choosing the right hearing aid for your needs.

4. Understand hearing aid costs – Hearing aids may be a larger purchase and as such, the buyer should receive a written contract which includes the cost of the hearing aids, as well as any services provided by the hearing professional. These services may include fitting, training, and follow up appointments. Insurance coverage and financing may also be available to help make certain hearing aids more affordable.

5. Get a comfortable fit – Custom earmolds ensure the best fit when purchasing new hearing aids. New hearing aids require a period of adjustment, and any level of discomfort could make the transition difficult.

6. Follow up – Adjusting to new hearing aids takes time as the brain learns to hear again in a new way. Follow up appointments are imperative to get the most out of new hearing aids. Ask your provider if they offer Real Ear Measurements as part of the fitting process, to verify your hearing aids are set at the best possible settings for your hearing loss.

7. Ask about the return policy – Most hearing professionals will offer a trial period for new hearing aids. Some may charge a fee if the hearing aids are returned; others may offer the opportunity to try a different hearing aid style.

8. Understand the warranty – As with any major purchase, hearing aids come with a warranty to cover repairs or replacement over a certain period of time. We remain committed to making sure you are taken care of throughout the life of your hearing aid and even have extended warranty plans available.

9. Consider using hearing aids with other assistive listening devices – Today's hearing aids are designed to work seamlessly with phones and audio equipment. Imagine having the sound from your radio or TV come through your hearing aid so others in the room can hear at comfortable levels. New wireless hearing aids may be the ultimate in convenience for the hard of hearing. We can answer questions about the compatibility of hearing aids with assistive listening devices.

10. Help a friend- With the prevalence of untreated hearing loss it is likely you know or may encounter someone who could benefit from better hearing as well. At Cy-Fair Hearing we are committed to helping all in our community that suffer with hearing loss and appreciate any referral you can share with those in need.

We hope this list provides a helpful guideline for making the right hearing aid purchase. We are committed to making sure every patient that needs a hearing aid gets the optimal solution for both their hearing loss and lifestyle needs. If you have any questions or are looking to start the process with a hearing test, simply call us at 281-256-8212.