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**Learn How to Buy
a Clock Like a
Grandfather Clock
Maker Would!**

BUYER'S GUIDE FOR GRANDFATHER CLOCKS

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“Owning a grandfather clock is a wonderful life-changing addition that you, your family and their heirs will enjoy for generations. The calm, soothing sense of peacefulness or well-being from the steady ‘tick tock’ is a welcome sound in a world of never ending change.”

-- *Mark Boggs*, **Boggs Jewelers**

#1 ~ Location, location, location. Where you display your new clock will make a difference in what you buy and the enjoyment you get from owning a grandfather clock.

- Is your home large with high ceilings?
- Do you have a staircase with a wide landing?
- Do you collect valuables that might be placed on the adjustable shelves for a curio-style clock?

Deciding on the best place for your new clock will be a major factor in the size and style you select. A little planning will guarantee that you’ve made the right decision.

1. Treat your clock like a fine piece of furniture. You can either place it next to a china cabinet or wall case, or all by itself on a short wall where it stands out.
2. Corner locations often allow viewing from anywhere in a room and can help fill in an awkward space that often goes unfurnished.
3. Entryway locations make an opening statement and allow for added wall interest as long as your clock is clear of foot traffic.
4. Plan for sound enjoyment by choosing a location that both distributes the chime music and avoids TV or sleep areas.
5. Avoid placing your clock in direct sunlight or in rooms with high moisture levels.
6. Creative locations can work with thoughtful planning.
7. Most of the “Grandfather” floor models offered at **Boggs Jewelers** are under 24-inches in width and measure 85-inches in height with a depth of 12-inches.

Share your ideas with us.

Bring a few photos when you visit our showroom.

We’ll take the time to talk with you and ask questions to find a perfect location.

#2 ~ You have a choice in styles, finishes and themes.

- Do you want to match your existing furniture colors or décor theme?
- Are you worried that apartments or condos don’t have the space to show off your clock?
- Are you looking for a particular style?

Ask us about your options. Match traditional settings with a choice of mahogany, cherry or oak finishes. Add a vintage look with finishes that are offer more than one solid color. Choose variations from Golden to Scrubbed oak, and Heirloom to Windsor cherry.



1. Howard Miller's limited edition William Langford millennium clock is finished in Windsor Cherry with rare burl inlays that are lighter in color such as ash, sequoia, maple, holly, padauk, or thuya burl.
2. More contemporary designs in pewter or espresso make your clock the center of a visitor's focus.
3. A classic oak floor clock placed at the stair landing can match the style and color of your stair railings.
4. Reproduction nouveau looks pair up well in smaller spaces like office suites or condos.
5. Your choice makes all the difference, not just in size and shape but in location.

If you don't see the perfect clock on our showroom, we'll show you more design options from our style makers' catalog.

#3 ~ If you think all clock mechanisms are the same, think again.

- Did you know manufacturer selection dictates your choices?
- Do you want a high-grade mechanical weight-driven model or a battery-powered quartz mechanisms?
- Have you compared your retail service guarantees?

Quality manufacturers like Howard Miller feature high-grade mechanical weight-driven clock models or clocks with battery-powered quartz mechanisms. Understand the choices before you buy.

1. Quality, German manufactured Hermle and Keininger clock mechanisms have a wide variety of features and functions, and are superior in quality and reliability. These are the more traditional models.
2. Quartz battery-powered clocks provide perfect timekeeping with simple, no wind operation and your investment is lower without sacrificing quality. All new grandfather clocks sold by **Boggs Jewelers** include a comprehensive 20-point service that is provided to you within the first two years of your ownership.

#4 ~ Here are 3 things to remember if you have an older, weight-driven grandfather clock, or you purchased a new one from someone else.

- Oil the clock movement every 2 years.
- Depending on climate conditions, clean the mechanism every 8 to 10 years.
- Please let us provide the service for you!

Grandfather clocks are actually working pieces of crafted furniture that still use the precision, hand assembled, mechanical movements that were created hundreds of years ago.

1. Extremely dry, humid or salty air and hot or cold temperatures may necessitate more frequent maintenance.
2. Moving a grandfather clock can cause damage to the clock case and the mechanism.
3. Do not let anyone tell you to bring your grandfather clock in for service.

We make house calls! The Boggs jewelers team prefers to set-up a "Service Call" where we come to you as professionals and service your clock.



#5 ~ Reward yourself with beautiful sound.

- How will you know the sound is right?
- Does placement in your home make a difference in sound?
- Can you turn the chimes off at night?

Without a doubt the most beloved feature of a grandfather clock is the steady, harmonious chime.

1. Grandfather clocks offer more than 40 choices in chime melodies.
2. Your clock choice can have more than one sound. Multiple chime sounds, including the traditional Westminster, St. Michaels and Whittington chimes.
3. Adjust the volume. You're in control.
4. Go silent or lower night volume.

Stop by and listen. The best way to experience the chime of a grandfather clock is to let the sound surround you. Visit **Boggs Jewelers**... and listen!

#6 ~ Your choice, multiple enhancements.

- Pendulums, glass, metal or wood?
- What will the color of light in your home do for to the clock's appearance?
- Have a fancy for beveled glass panels?

Part of the mystery of a grandfather clock comes from the pendulum style, the lighting in your home and your choice of beveled or plain glass panels.



1. Pendulum selections include a wooden stick, mixed metal, or etched glass.
2. Lighting establishes the unique setting to show off your clock. Consider whether the room you are placing the clock in has an indirect light source, LED or Halogen lamps.
3. Beveled glass is one of the enhancement choices you can make to your clock.

Explore your options. Some things have to be seen in person. You'll be glad you asked the experts at **Boggs Jewelers**.

#7 ~ Special tips to keep your grandfather in fine shape.

- What kind of care do clock cabinets and glass panels need?
- Does your choice in cleaning solutions matter?
- Spray or liquid, what's the difference?

Treat your grandfather clock like the fine piece of furniture it truly is.

1. Wax and polish the wood cabinetry as often as you do for the other furniture in your home.
2. Use a quality wax or polish product and apply with a soft cloth.
3. Never spray or apply polish directly to the wood surface.
4. Avoid silicone-based products because over time they will destroy the finish.

5. Be careful when cleaning the glass panels. Your choice in cleaning products will make a difference in the look and longevity of the glass.
6. Quality, non-ammonia glass cleaners are best. We recommend the same procedures for glass as for the wood surfaces. Apply with a soft cloth. Avoid using a spray product. Never apply the cleaning product directly to the glass.

Shop online for the best cleaning supplies. Boggs Jewelers will give you a list of proven website providers. Don't go to the grocery store!

#8 ~ Things you should consider when winding your clock.

- What do you do with the weights?
- How hard can it be?
- What if I lose the crank?

It may sound simple but weight-driven clock mechanisms take a few extra steps to ensure best continuous performance.

1. First, you'll need to raise the weights.
2. You can do this by using the crank provided. To use the crank, just insert it in the holes located in the face dial. The weights will wind smoothly to the up position using normal pressure and a slow, steady speed.
3. Remember that the weights are suspended by the pulleys.
4. Do NOT lift the weights by hand while you are cranking them up.

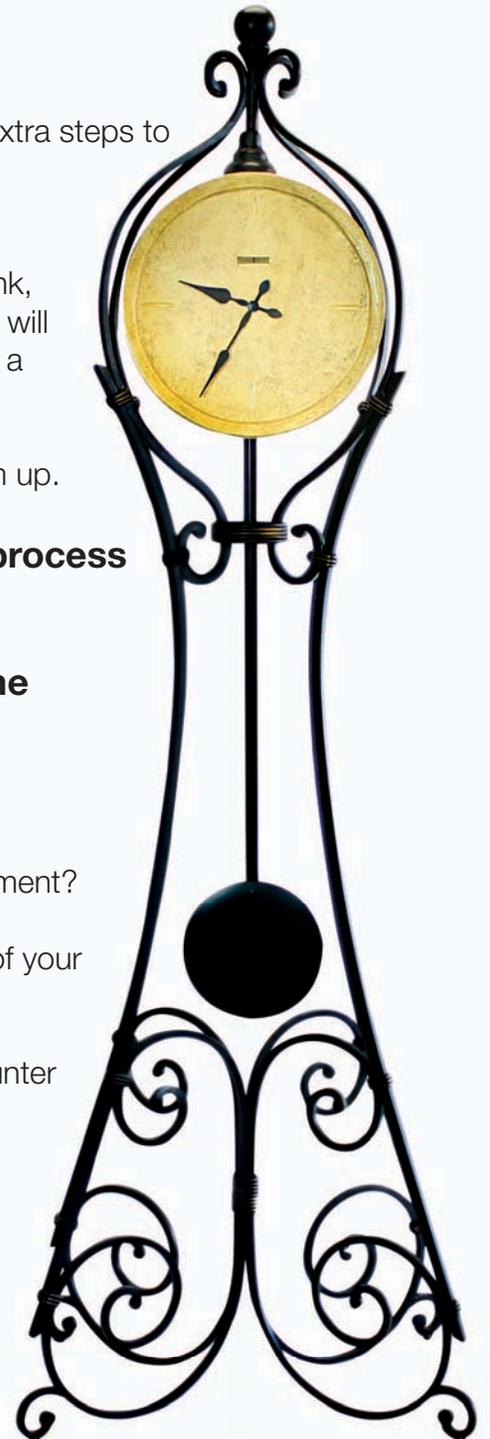
Nervous? Boggs Jewelers will walk you through the process and provide you with a step-by-step illustrated guide.

#9 ~ And then there's adjusting for daylight savings time changes.

- How do you adjust for changes in the time?
- Is going forward different from going backward in time?
- Does it matter if the clock is striking when I make the adjustment?

Yes, these things are important in the ongoing care and maintenance of your clock.

1. To set your clock back one hour, rotate the minute hand counter clockwise.
2. To set your clock ahead one hour, it's almost the same but you'll be rotating the minute hand clockwise
3. You must allow the clock to chime every quarter hour as you move forward ~ $\frac{1}{4}$ ~ $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ $\frac{3}{4}$ ~ 1 ~ before advancing to the next position on the clock face.
4. Never move your clock's hands while the clock is chiming or striking.



#10 ~ When moving your clock is the only option.

Here's a step-by-step process to ensure that you can move the clock safely.

1. Remove and pack all the clock's accessory parts: pendulum, weights, etc.
2. Original shipping materials work best, but if you no longer have these available wrap the parts in soft cloth and be sure to keep them separated with packing material when you box them.
3. Wear cotton gloves or handle with a soft cloth.
4. Keep the clock in an upright position as you move it to the new location.
5. Set the clock up following the original instructions. Make sure the pulleys properly located on the cables. Chains should be properly located on the sprockets.

For clocks with a cable-driven movement:

Be sure you wind the weights all the way up.

For clocks with chains:

Take a long string or pliable wire and string through the chain links just below the chain sprocket. The string or wire should go through six chain links. Secure the string or wire to prevent the chains from coming loose from the sprocket.

Pendulums:

First, carefully stop them from swinging. Then, remove the weights. Reminder! Never wind the clock without installing the weights first.

For clocks with chains:

Secure the chains first so they cannot damage the finish. Then, remove the pendulum.

Bring (or mention) this guide when you buy your clock and receive a certificate good for FREE service on your clock for two years. Not ready to buy? Bring this guide in and receive a FREE watch battery! We have two clock makers onsite, no waiting!

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