Oxygen Supplies Tip Sheet

The following instructions provide guidelines for routine cleaning procedures and use of supplies for the oxygen equipment provided to you.

Equipment	Instructions
Cannulas	Change the cannula (nosepiece) every two weeks.
Reusable humidifier bottles provided	Clean the humidifier bottle and re-sterilize in a solution of vinegar and water every 7 days. Fill the bottle with clean boiled or distilled water. If using boiled water, be sure to let the water cool before filling the humidifier. Use of a humidifier is not required. You should use a humidifier only if you experience nasal irritation or dryness.
25 to 50 feet sections of extension tubing	Change every two months. Never use more than 50 feet of extension tubing in addition to your cannula. If you do, you may not get the proper flow of oxygen that your physician has prescribed for you.
Water traps	Clean and re-sterilize in a solution of vinegar and water monthly. Replace as necessary.
Large oxygen cylinder	This tank is provided for EMERGENCY use only. It should be used when the concentrator is unavailable, such as during a power outage or equipment malfunction. The tank will be replaced as necessary.
Concentrator filter cleaning	The (non-disposable) filter should be cleaned and checked at least once per week. The actual need for cleaning is very dependent on the amount of dust in the air. The filter may be cleaned by rinsing with warm water. Make sure the filter is dry before replacing.

Please review the user manual provided for more detailed instructions regarding your new equipment or contact HME. Thank you.