What Features Should I Look for in Hearing Aids?*

It is important to look for the right additional components and features to meet your lifestyle needs. These may include background noise management, telephone compatibility, and water-resistance.

Background noise management is a sophisticated feature that may use something called "directional microphones" – allowing for more comfortable listening experiences in social settings such as loud restaurants, meeting rooms, or gatherings.

Telephone compatibility includes actual components and/or settings to allow the hearing aids and phone to work together. In fact, with wireless streaming technologies, smartphones can now be synced to your hearing aids directly. Telephone use when wearing hearing aid technology is now hassle-free.

Water-resistant casing on nearly all new hearing aids is ideal for the active wearer, or those who live in humid climates. This special coating on the exterior of hearing aids makes it resistant to moisture, sweat, and oils, such as sunscreen.

These advanced features are additional reasons why today's technology makes using hearing aids an everyday action.

Next month we'll discuss how much you should spend on hearing aid technology.

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