

Care and cleaning of your jewelry

The best and safest way to care for your jewelry is to have it professionally cleaned by your jeweler. However, here are some suggestions on what to do between professional cleanings:

- Clean your jewelry frequently to avoid the build-up of dirt, which may hasten wear.
- Have a jeweler inspect your jewelry at least annually for loose settings, faulty links, etc. A prong that is loose, worn or catches on fabric may cause the stone to fall out of the setting.
- Have the item checked by a jeweler immediately if you suspect a problem.

- When not wearing your jewelry, place each item in a separate, soft compartment or container. If cluttered together, jewelry can become scratched, even diamonds.
- Avoid heavy blows to your gemstones. Even diamonds, which are among the hardest of all materials, can chip if struck at the right angle.
- Insure your jewelry to assure that you can replace it if it's lost, stolen or damaged.

Methods of cleaning various types of stones are listed in the chart below.

TYPE OF STONE	SAFE METHOD(S) OF CLEANING
Amethyst	Use warm, soapy water or a soft, damp cloth.
Aquamarine	Use warm, soapy water followed by wiping with a damp cloth.
Citrine	Use warm, soapy water or a soft, damp cloth.
Diamond	Use a soft-bristled toothbrush and warm, soapy water. Dry with a soft, clean cloth.
Emerald	Use a soft, damp cloth.
Garnet	Use a soft, damp, non-abrasive cloth.
Opal	Use a soft, damp, non-abrasive cloth or a soft-bristled toothbrush doused with water.
Peridot	Use soft, damp cloth or a soft-bristled toothbrush.
Pearl	Use a soft, clean, damp cloth.
Ruby	Use a soft, damp cloth or soft-bristled toothbrush and warm, soapy water.
Sapphire	Use a soft, damp cloth or soft-bristled toothbrush and warm, soapy water.
Tanzanite	Use a soft, damp cloth or soft-bristled toothbrush and warm, soapy water.
Topaz	Use a soft, damp cloth.
Tourmaline	Use a soft, damp cloth or soft-bristled toothbrush and warm, soapy water.
Turquoise	Use a soft, damp cloth.
Zircon	Use warm, soapy water or a damp cloth.

NOTE: For clarity-enhanced stones, ask your jeweler for cleaning instructions.

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