

Jewelry Cleaning & Maintenance Guide

Prevention

Remove jewelry when appropriate: Remove bracelets and rings before digging in the dirt, preparing food, or cleaning with chemicals.

Apply makeup and perfume before jewelry: Pearls are especially vulnerable to discoloration from makeup.

Wear your jewelry often: Did you know that the oils on your skin are great for jewelry? The oil can make your silver shine and bring more luster to your pearls.

Store Properly: When not wearing separate your jewelry in a quality, cotton-lined, jewelry box to prevent scratching.



Cleaning

Diamonds: Soak your diamonds in a 1/4 cup of an ammonia-based cleaner for 15 minutes and then simply dry them off with a paper towel. Do not soak your diamonds in soapy water; the soap will dull the shine.



Softer Jewels: (Opals or Emeralds) Clean with soap and lukewarm water. Softer jewels can be sensitive to drastic temperature changes. So very hot water may cause cracks, but cold water can make it more difficult to remove dirt. In addition, ultrasonic cleaners and steam-based cleaners are not good for softer jewels.

Pearls: Should be cleaned by wiping them with a mixture of warm water and a mild detergent. Never soak pearls as doing so can weaken the string.



Other Jewels: Diamond cleaner is good for diamonds and other jewels, except emeralds, and other softer jewels which may have cracks that can catch the cleaner and cause buildup.

Brushes: Use a soft brush when cleaning your jewelry. Avoid using hard bristles as they can cause scratches. Soft bristle toothbrushes work fine, but specialty jewelry brushes are best.

Avoid Catastrophe: If you are cleaning your jewelry in the sink, be sure to plug the sink first! The last thing you want to do is lose your ring down the sink. When finished cleaning be sure to store your jewelry somewhere safe like a jewelry box.

Professional Maintenance

To ensure the long-lasting life of your jewelry we recommend professional cleanings and routine maintenance every 6 months. The dedicated Service Group at Houston Gold Exchange offers expert maintenance services with over 40 years of experience.

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