

How to Care for Your Gemstones

Here's a handy chart to help you keep track of the best way to care for each of your gemstones. We based the safety of these cleaning methods on the assumption that your stones have been treated (many are). If you have untreated or natural gemstones, some of these methods may be safer than specified.

Gemstone	Chemical	Ultrasonic	Steam	Notes
Agate	Safe	Safe	Safe	Wash with warm water and mild detergent, using a soft brush.
Alexandrite	Safe	Safe	Safe	
Amber	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Clean with soft cloth. For deeper cleaning, wash with warm water and mild detergent, then rinse and dry thoroughly.
Amethyst	Safe	Safe	Use caution	
Aquamarine	Safe	Safe	Use caution	
Carnelian	Safe	Unsafe	Use caution	
Chalcedony	Safe	Safe	Safe	Do not soak for extended periods of time.
Citrine	Safe	Safe	Use caution	
Coral	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Wash with warm water and mild detergent, using a soft brush.
Diamond	Safe	Safe	Safe	
Emerald	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Wash very gently with warm water and mild detergent, using a soft brush. No vigorous scrubbing.
Garnet	Safe	Safe	Use caution	
Hematite	Safe	Safe	Safe	
Ivory	Unsafe	Unsafe	Safe	
Jade	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	
Labradorite	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Wash with warm water and mild detergent, using a soft brush.
Lapis lazuli	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	
Malachite	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Avoid heat; clean with a soft cloth and mild soapy water.
Moonstone	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Wash with warm water and mild detergent, using a soft brush.
Onyx	Safe	Safe	Safe	
Opal	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Fragile; wash with warm soapy water, using a soft brush. Use a dab of olive oil to re-moisturize these porous stones.
Pearl	Unsafe	Unsafe	Use caution	Clean with soft cloth after each wear. Remove stains with mild detergent on a damp rag; don't submerge in liquid, as moisture can cause discoloration.
Peridot	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Fragile; wash with warm water and mild detergent, using a soft brush.
Quartz	Safe	Use caution	Use caution	
Ruby	Safe	Use caution	Use caution	Avoid ultrasonic and steam for oiled stones. No vigorous scrubbing.
Sapphire	Safe	Safe	Safe	
Tanzanite	Safe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Fragile; wash with warm water and mild detergent, using a soft brush.
Tigereye	Unsafe	Use caution	Safe	Don't use harsh detergents.
Topaz	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	
Tourmaline	Safe	Use caution	Use caution	
Turquoise	Unsafe	Unsafe	Unsafe	May discolor. Clean with soft cloth.
Zircon	Safe	Safe	Safe	



Agate (laguna)



Carnelian

Aquamarine



Coral



Tourmaline (watermelon)



Amethyst



Chalcedony



Citrine



Hematite



Malachite



Topaz



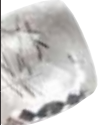
Turquoise



Moonstone



Boulder opal



Quartz (tourmalinated)



Tigereye

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