



The Effy Jewelry treatment and care guide is an important tool that will help you keep your jewelry in the finest condition and your gemstones brilliant. Note, that some of our gemstones are treated or enhanced, this is a common industry practice that's used to bring out their full brilliance and color.

### EFFY Jewelry's Fine Jewelry Treatment and Care Guide

GEMSTONE	TREATMENT METHOD	SPECIAL CARE & ADVICE
Amethyst	Usually heated to improve appearance or deepen color.	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Do not expose to intense heat.
Aquamarine	Traditionally heated to improve appearance.	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth.
Chalcedony Black (Onyx)	Always dyed.	Avoid exposure to extreme light and heat as stones may fade.
Citrine	Usually heated to improve appearance.	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Do not expose to intense heat.
Cultured Pearl	Usually bleached and polished to achieve uniform color and shape. May be dyed or irradiated to produce various colors.	Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid contact with cosmetics, hair spray, perfume and household chemicals. Clean with a soft cloth
Black Diamonds	There are 2 different processes that create black diamonds - heat treatment and irradiation. Heat treatment exposes the diamond to high temperatures, which creates graphite residue in the crystal. Irradiation modifies the crystal structure of the stone.	None
Blue Diamonds	Natural blue diamonds are so rare, that in recent years, methods of producing intensely colored diamonds have been developed. Blue diamonds are created by irradiated colorless diamonds causing the color to change, then heat-treating them to stabilize the color.	None
Drusy	Often dyed to enhance its beauty and overall appearance. In addition to this, some varieties are coated with titanium which creates spectacular iridescent finishes	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid strong detergents and extreme heat.
Emerald	Usually penetrated with oil, wax or resin to improve appearance. Occasionally dyed with color agents.	Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid sudden temperature changes, steaming and contact with cosmetics, hair spray, perfume and household chemicals. Clean with a damp cloth or soft brush.
Garnet	None	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth.
Green Quartz	Heat treated to improve appearance or deepen color.	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Do not expose to intense heat.
Opal	None	Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid heat contact with cosmetics, hair spray, perfume and household chemicals. Clean with a damp cloth or soft brush.
Peridot	None	Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid sudden temperature changes and contact with harsh chemicals.
Ruby	Usually heated to improve appearance. Surface cavities and fractures are usually filled with glass and glass-like substances that contain lead. Occasionally diffused to improve color.	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid strong detergents, heat, pressure and ultrasonic. Avoid re-polishing or recutting of the stone. Color may fade in light or with heat.
Sapphire	Usually heated to improve appearance. Occasionally irradiated. Commonly diffused along with heat application to create different colors. Yellow sapphire is always diffused.	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid strong detergents, heat, pressure and ultrasonic. Avoid re-polishing or recutting of the stone. Color may fade in light or with heat.
Tanzanite	Usually heated to improve appearance.	Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid sudden temperature changes. Clean with a damp cloth or soft brush.
Topaz (All colors)	Usually irradiated and heated to produce color. Some topaz may be coated to produce color.	Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth.
Tourmaline (Green, Blue, Pink, Red, Purple)	Commonly heated to improve appearance.	Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid sudden temperature changes, steaming and contact with cosmetics, hair spray, perfume and household chemicals. Clean with a damp cloth or soft brush.