**Gemstone Care**

**Normal Gemstone Care**

In between inspections, to clean your gemstones that do not require special care, you will need a bowl of warm, soapy water (mild soap, e.g. liquid dishwashing soap) and a soft brush. Soak your gemstones for 20 to 30 minutes. Gently brush them with the soft brush to remove excessive dirt, then rinse thoroughly in clean water. Always clean jewelry away from a sink and plug your drain when rinsing.

**Special Gemstone Care**

Some gemstones require special care. Refer to the information listed below for any special care about your specific gemstones.

**Gemstone Treatments**

Common treatments include heating, oil filling, and a colorless wax polish. Most treatments duplicate the results that occur in ideal natural conditions. Most treatments are permanent and simply require normal gemstone care.

As a general guideline you should avoid cleaning jewelry containing gemstones in harsh or abrasive chemicals or brushing them with a hard brush. Caution should be taken with all gemstones to avoid contact with cosmetics and strong household chemicals.

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| **GEMSTONE** | **TREATMENTS ACCEPTED BY LEGACY JEWELRY** | **SPECIAL CARE** |
| [**Agate**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/agate.aspx)  Blue, Green  White | Dyed or heated to improve color  Dyed or heated to improve color | Exposure to heat or light over time may cause color to fade. Normal gemstone care |
| [**Alexandrite**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/alexandrite.aspx) | None | Normal gemstone care |
| Amazonite | Heated, irradiated, impregnated with colorless plastic | Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid intense heat and household chemicals. |
| [**Amethyst**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_february.aspx)  Pink, Purple & Green | Heated to improve appearance or lighten color. | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Aquamarine**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_march.aspx) | Heated to improve color and clarity. | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Aventurine**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/Aventurine.aspx) | Dyed to enhance color | Normal gemstone care |
| **Calcite** | Dyed, impregnated with colorless plastic | Avoid intense heat and household chemicals. |
| [**Citrine**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_november.aspx) | Heated to improve color | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Cultured Pearl**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_june.aspx) | Bleached and polished to achieve uniform color and shape. Dyed or irradiated to produce various colors. Coated for protection. | Avoid contact with cosmetics, hair spray, perfume and household chemicals including alcohol and solvents. Clean with a soft cloth. Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. |
| [**Diamond**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_april.aspx)  White  Black Colored  Brown, Champagne, & Yellow  Blue | None  Heated to create color  None  Heated or irradiated | Normal gemstone care  Normal gemstone care  Normal gemstone care  Normal gemstone care |
| [**Emerald**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_may.aspx) | Penetrated with oil, wax or clear resin to improve clarity and durability. Dyed with color agents. | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid sudden temperature changes, rough handling, steaming and contact with cosmetics, hair spray, and household chemicals including alcohol and solvents. Do not use an ultrasonic cleaner. |
| [**Garnet**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_january.aspx) | None | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Hematite**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/Hematite.aspx) | None | Normal gemstone care |
| **Iolite** | None | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Jade**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/jade.aspx)  Jadeite, Nephrite | Bleached, dyed and surface polished with a colorless wax. | Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid intense heat and household chemicals. |
| **Jasper** | Dyed | Normal gemstone care. |
| **Kyanite** | Heated | Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid intense heat and household chemicals. |
| **Lab Created** | None | Normal gemstone care |
| **Lapis Lazuli** | Dyed to improve color uniformity. Coated with colorless wax and surface polished. | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth.  Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid intense heat and household chemicals. |
| **Moissanite** | None | Normal Gemstone Care |
| **Malachite** | Coated with colorless wax to improve surface uniformity. | Do not use an ultrasonic cleaner. Avoid household chemicals. |
| [**Morganite**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/Morganite.aspx) | Heated or irradiated to enhance color | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Opal**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_october.aspx) | Fused together with backing to create a unique design or color combination. | Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid intense heat, cosmetics, and household chemicals. Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. |
| [**Onyx**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/gem-Onyx.aspx)  Black | Dyed or heated to improve color. | Normal gemstone care. |
| [**Peridot**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_august.aspx) | None | Avoid sudden temperature changes and ultrasonic. |
| [**Quartz**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/gem-Quartz.aspx)  Green, Pink, Rose, Smoky, White | Heated or irradiated to enhance color. | Normal gemstone care |
| **Quartzite** | Dyed, impregnated with colorless plastic | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Ruby**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_july.aspx) | Heated to improve color. Fissures and cavities can be filled with foreign material including glass, lead-glass, and glass-like substances to improve clarity. Can be diffused or irradiated to improve color. | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid strong detergents and household chemicals including alcohol and solvents. Sensitive to intense heat, pressure and ultrasonic. Avoid re-polishing or re-cutting. |
| [**Sapphire**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_september.aspx) | Heated to improve color and clarity. Can be diffused and irradiated to produce a variety of colors. | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid strong detergents and ultrasonic. Avoid re-polishing or re-cutting. |
| **Sodalite** | Dyed | Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid intense heat and household chemicals. |
| **Sunstone**  Oregon | None | Normal gemstone care |
| [**Tanzanite**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/Jewelry/gem-Tanzanite.aspx) | Heated to improve color | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid sudden temperature changes. |
| **Tiger’s Eye** | Heated to improve color | Normal gemstone care. Avoid sudden temperature changes. |
| **Topaz**  [Blue](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Categories/gi_b_december.aspx), Pink, [White](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/white_topaz/gem-White-topaz.aspx)  Mystic | Irradiated and heated to produce color. Coated to generate iridescence | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid re-polishing or re-cutting. |
| **Tourmaline**  Green    Red, Pink | Heated to improve appearance. Surface fissures can be filled with oil or resin.  Heated and irradiated to improve color. | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid sudden temperature changes. Do not use an ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Avoid sudden temperature changes and steaming. |
| [**Turquoise**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/turquoise.aspx) | Permeated with plastic or coated with wax or colorless oil. Dyed to improve color. | Clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Do not use ultrasonic cleaner or steamer. Avoid contact with cosmetics, hair spray, perfume and household chemicals including acids. Avoid intense heat. |
| [**Zircon**](https://www.fredmeyerjewelers.com/Search/gem-Zircon-gemstone.aspx)  Blue | Heated to improve color and intensity | Avoid ultrasonic cleaning and harsh abrasives. |

*While we make every attempt to accurately disclosure treatments accepted by Legacy Jewelry, treatments other than those listed above are often used in the industry. Due to the indiscernible nature of these treatments, and the fact that technology and industry practice evolve rapidly, we cannot guarantee that all treatments have been detected.*