

How To Care For Your Jewelry

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Everyone loves their jewelry, but not every one cares for it the way they should. A precious gem stone or diamond ring should last for an entire lifetime and remain in excellent condition if it is looked after the way it should be. Unfortunately not all people take the time to firstly learn how to keep the value of the jewelry and secondly actually clean it. This article will endeavor to provide some advice on how you can prevent the jewelery becoming damaged in the first place and also how to preserve its quality over the long term.

When it comes to caring for your jewelry prevention is better than cure. You should get in to good habits straight away by establishing a routine that will help to preserve the quality of them. Firstly you should follow a general routine for all types of jewelry and this is based on common sense. If you are doing the house work, such as washing the dishes or using household detergents make sure any rings are removed beforehand.

Likewise, if you play sport or swim, make sure you are not wearing any necklaces or rings. Chlorine in particular can be very damaging for jewelry.

You should also be careful about how you store the jewelry when you are not wearing it. All rings and necklaces should be kept in a safe and dry place. Preferably in a jewelry box that is away from areas of the home that may be exposed to extreme hot or cold temperatures. Be sure to keep the stones separate from each other as diamonds in particular if rubbed against each can scratch the surface.

Finally it is important to regularly check with jewelry such as rings that the stones are not loose. It is good practice to take any jewelry that utilizes mounting and prongs to a jeweler every year to prevent this kind of damage. After all, the last thing you want to do is lose a diamond!

A jeweler can also carry out maintenance work on necklaces and beads to ensure that they do not snap at an inopportune moment.

When it comes to cleaning, not all jewelry should be cared for in the same way. The vast majority of jewelry should be cleaned with soap and water. For example Diamonds can attract grease from the skin easily and this should be cleaned by soaking the diamond in lukewarm soapy water and then gently wiping them using something with a soft brush. A toothbrush is excellent for this type of job and then afterward you should wash them with water to remove the excess.

There are some types of jewelry where it is important to know what should not be used to clean them. For example, Coral should not come into contact with cleaning fluids or excess heat as this will cause cracks on the surface. Likewise, Turquoise has a very absorbent surface and so any commercial cleaning solutions should be avoided.

Receiving a sparkling diamond ring or necklace is something to be treasured. As you can see it is important to preserve the quality of the jewelry by following common sense procedures to firstly avoid deterioration and secondly in maintaining its appearance. This is not difficult and only takes a small amount of thought and time to ensure that that treasured gift still looks wonderful many years from now.

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