



Jewellery Care Guide

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Why Care After Your Jewellery

Caring for your jewelry is important to maintain its beauty and value. Regular cleaning and storing it properly can prevent tarnishing, scratches, and other damage. It's also a good idea to have your jewelry inspected by a professional jeweler to ensure it remains in good condition.

Cleaning:

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When to remove:

It is recommended to remove your jewelry before activities such as swimming, showering, exercising, or doing household chores involving chemicals or abrasives. Additionally, it's a good idea to remove jewelry before going to bed or applying lotions or perfumes to avoid damage or discoloration.

Storing:

To avoid scratching and tangling, keep each piece of jewellery separate when storing it. You can keep them in jewellery boxes, trays, or even small ziplock bags. To keep your silver and gold jewellery looking new, avoid exposing it to sunshine or dampness, and consider using an anti-tarnish strip.



"Jewellery is eternal it never goes out of fashion" - Kate Moss

Quick Guide

Precious Metals	How to look after
<p data-bbox="94 1087 651 1121">Looking after Sterling Silver Jewellery</p> <p data-bbox="94 1234 636 1549">All of our Jewellery is made from Recycled Sterling Silver, so naturally it will need to be looked after. Sterling Silver is an alloy that is 92.5% Silver and 7.5% other alloys - mainly copper. It is these other alloys that toughen it up making it suitable for use as jewellery. But because of these, it will naturally tarnish.</p>	<p data-bbox="696 1087 1310 1276">The simplest way to clean silver is to buy a specialist cleaning solution or cloth. Just make sure that they have been specifically designed for cleaning silver. Silver cleaning cloths should be soft and infused with anti-tarnishing agents.</p> <p data-bbox="696 1318 1329 1507">If you don't have specialist cleaners at home, then do not fear as there are household options to get your silver shining. A bowl of lukewarm water and a few drops of washing-up liquid will help remove tarnishing.</p> <ul data-bbox="718 1549 1315 1822" style="list-style-type: none">● Soak the silver jewellery for ten minutes in a bowl of warm water with a few drops of washing-up liquid.● Gently scrub the silver with a soft, clean brush.● Rinse in clean, warm water.● Leave to air dry. <p data-bbox="696 1864 1310 1927">For more stubborn tarnishing, you can use white vinegar and water mix.</p>

- Mix equal parts of white vinegar and water in a bowl.
- Soak a clean toothbrush in the solution and gently brush the affected areas of silver.
- Rise and leave to air dry.

Looking after Gold Jewellery

Gold jewellery is typically made from a combination of pure gold and other metals like silver, copper, nickel, and zinc to create a durable alloy. The exact composition of the alloy varies depending on the desired color and properties of the jewellery.

Is recycled gold real gold?

Recycled gold is gold that is previously part of another piece of jewelry and it's been melted down and refined, cast again, and made into a new piece of jewelry.

It doesn't take long for gold jewellery to lose its shine. Fingerprints and a daily build-up of dirt can quickly dull even the brightest gold.

Thankfully, we have some tips to help you to get it shining once again.

If the gold jewellery has gemstones or pearls, please be extra careful when cleaning the piece. A cleaning solution designed exclusively for jewellery is a safe option, but make sure any solution is intended for the correct precious metal or gemstone. If in doubt, it is best to stick to using the following steps:

- Add a few drops of washing-up liquid (or other mild degreasing solution) to a lukewarm bowl of water. Extreme temperature changes may damage the jewellery, so avoid hot or ice-cold water.
- Soak the jewellery for ten minutes to loosen any build-up of dirt.
- Gently clean with a soft-bristled brush such as an unused toothbrush.
- Make sure to clean the whole piece of jewellery and get into hard to reach places while being extra careful when cleaning fragile parts of the jewellery (for example, at a stone's setting).
- Rinse thoroughly in clean water to remove soap residue and any other remnants of dirt.
- Dry gently with a lint-free cloth or leave on a cloth to air dry.

Gold is a very soft metal that is susceptible to scratching. Remember this fact during the cleaning and drying process and be as gentle as possible.

All our 100% recycled gold and silver products are equal in quality to unrecycled precious metals.

Tip

Jewellery that you wear frequently will require less cleaning than pieces that are stored in a box. The everyday friction and your natural oils will help to maintain them clean in a subtle way. This is why silver jewellery is ideal for everyday wear!

