

Keep your jewellery sparkling



The Goose's Top 5 Tips

The best way to keep silver jewellery free of tarnish is to wear it. But if your favourite jewellery has seen better days, you can do something about it — besides selling it on Marketplace.

Remember: using chemicals or other harsh and abrasive cleaners are not recommended for soft stones like opals and pearls. Use soap and water only and if you need to use a brush to clean crevices of a setting use a new soft bristled toothbrush.

Diamonds

- Soak diamond jewellery in a solution of 1 cup warm water and ¼ cup ammonia for about 15 minutes.
- Use a new soft-bristled toothbrush to scrub away any remaining grime, especially in the crevices of the setting and underneath the diamond.

Gold and gemstones

- Drop gold and gemstone jewellery into a jar of vinegar.
- Let sit for 10 to 15 minutes, agitate it occasionally.
- Remove and scrub with a new soft-bristled toothbrush, if necessary.

Silver

- Cut a piece of aluminium foil to roughly cover the bottom of a small bowl.
- Heat a cup of water to almost boiling and pour into bowl.
- Place 1 tablespoon each of salt, baking soda, and dishwashing liquid into the bowl.
- Place silver jewellery on top of foil and let it sit for 5 to 10 mins.
- Rinse jewellery in cool water and dry completely with a soft cloth.
- Discard solution after use.

Pearls and turquoise (& other soft, porous materials)

Soap and water are enough to get soft and porous materials like pearls and turquoise, looking their best.

- Dip your string of pearls quickly in a solution of 2 cups warm water and a few drops of mild detergent (Softly or dishwashing liquid).
- Wipe each pearl with a soft, dry cotton cloth and lay flat to dry.

Pearls stay polished from frequent wear, so wear them often!

Turquoise doesn't even need soap to come clean.

- Dip a soft-bristled toothbrush into warm water and scrub the stone clean.
- Dry with a clean cloth.
- Air-dry for several hours before storing.

Commercial jewellery cleaners

You can buy a range of dips and soft creamy cleaners that are quick and convenient. Or buy a silver & jewel cloth and give your jewellery a quick rub over before wearing.