

CLEANING YOUR DIAMOND JEWELS

Nothing frustrates some of us jewelers more than dirty diamond jewelry, especially an engagement ring. A diamond engagement ring is not only a precious symbol of your never-ending love but also an investment which should be well-maintained and cared for.

Diamond engagement rings and other precious jewels worn daily require additional care from time to time. A diamond ring may be affected or damaged by some harsh chemicals and activities. We recommend you take off your diamond jewels before attending to household chores to avoid harsh wear and tear.

Regular wear and tear should also be considered because through daily activities a diamond ring can get dirty. They are prone to dust and dirt, even though you take them off when doing household chores. Soaps, lotions, and other natural skin oils can cause residue which dulls the sparkle of your diamond ring.

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So to keep your jewels shiny like they did when you first opened the gift box you should wash them regularly. Cleaning is as simple as getting a small soft-bristled brush and warm soapy water. Soak it while you're in the shower or putting on your make-up. After soaking, gently scrub it with the brush, don't forget the bottom of the diamond(s), rinse in fresh water and dry with a soft towel or blow-dry for an even finish.

In some situations your ring may require something a bit stronger than soap and water. Use a combination of half water and half ammonia, soak your diamond ring for 30 minutes, gently brush it with a soft brush, rinse and dry.

As an alternative, you can use a jewelry cleaning kit. Keep it by your bathroom sink and once a week give your jewels a bath.

Running out the door to a dinner party? Not enough time to clean your ring? Here is a quick fix...spritz your ring with a grease cutter like Windex, rinse thoroughly and dry. Not recommended regularly.

CHECKUP

Besides cleaning your ring on a regular basis, don't forget to check your setting every 6 to 12 months. A simple home test is to shake your ring by your ear and listen carefully. If you hear a clicking sound that means your diamond is loose and you need to see your jeweler to make any necessary repairs to avoid damage or loss of the diamond. Or take your ring to a jeweler once a year for a checkup.

STORING YOUR JEWELS

It is recommended that you store your diamond jewels in a fabric-lined case when you are not wearing them.

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