



## CARING FOR YOUR SAPPHIRE JEWELRY

We also suggest the following common-sense guidelines for jewelry care:

- ∞ Store your jewelry in separate envelopes or pouches.
- ∞ Check your jewelry often to make sure the stones are not loose.
- ∞ You should remove jewelry to bathe or wash your hands. Store it in a safe place so it does not slip down the drain.
- ∞ Avoid wearing fine jewelry when you are doing housework, gardening, or participating in a sport.
- ∞ Do not subject your fine jewelry to physical shocks or extreme temperature changes.
- ∞ Have your jewelry repaired, sized, or polished by a professional.
- ∞ Do not forget to insure your fine jewelry pieces. If you are unsure about the value, have it appraised by a professional.
- ∞ If you have purchased an item of jewelry with diamond accent stones, the same cleaning and care guidelines apply.



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# natural untreated sapphires

## A GUIDE TO SAPPHIRE JEWELRY CARE



### THE ATTRIBUTES OF SAPPHIRES

In addition to their beauty, natural, untreated sapphires have attributes that make them a superior gemstone for jewelry. Sapphires are very durable, which means they are tough, hard, and resistant to chemical attack.



Natural, untreated sapphires are tough.

Because sapphires are so tough, they are not prone to chipping, cracking, or breaking. They can be polished to a bright sheen and can take the stress of everyday wear.

Natural, untreated sapphires are hard.

Because sapphires are hard, they are resistant to scratching and abrasion. With the exception of diamonds, no other gemstone is harder than a sapphire. They are so hard, in fact, you must take care that they do not scratch softer gems in your jewelry box. A sapphire that has come loose in its setting may also cause wear and tear on the precious metal used to mount it.

Natural, untreated sapphires can withstand chemical attack.

Sapphire's resistance to chemicals means that your stone will not become etched or lose its polish under normal conditions.



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Natural, untreated sapphires are usually safe to clean in the ultrasonic or steam cleaners used by jewelers. Exceptions include black star sapphires or stones that are heavily fractured or included.

However, the best way to clean sapphire jewelry is with warm soapy water and a soft brush without soaking it. Avoid harsh detergents. Never clean your jewelry with solvents such as alcohol, acetone, or paint thinner.

