



Wedding Ring Care

Congratulations on finding the ring of your dreams! It's probably been something you've thought a various points all your life, and no other piece of jewelry will likely ever have the sentimental significance to you that this ring does. Like anything of value, it needs TLC, too! With proper care and maintenance, your ring will be able to enjoy your ring for a lifetime.

Wearing Tips

- Jewelry, but especially your ring, should be the last thing you put on after clothing, make-up, hairspray and perfume. The chemicals and oils in cosmetics can dull its shine, and prongs or pave settings can catch on clothing.
- Let your ring rest in a safe place while you do chores around the house, garden, or play sports. Make sure to store your jewelry properly. Diamonds can scratch other stones, so store each piece separately in a jewelry box or bag.
- Be sure to remove your ring when showering or swimming. Soap buildup from the shower can cause your ring to look dull. Swimming in chlorinated water, such as a pool or hot tub, can cause damage and pitting to gold and platinum. If you are swimming in the ocean, the cold water may cause your fingers to shrink enough so that your ring actually slips off!
- Wear with caution! We do things every day that can cause our rings to break or bend. Clapping (with rings on each hand) can cause surprisingly excessive damage. Moving heavy items, hoisting luggage around, handling heavy pots and pans, biking and many other everyday activities should be done while taking care not to put strain on your rings. When in doubt, take it off and put in a safe place.

Cleaning your Ring

Since you'll be wearing your ring on a daily basis, you will want to clean it every 1-2 weeks, or as needed. Luckily, at home care is very simple and inexpensive! Most rings made of gold, platinum, diamonds and sapphires (including rubies) can be cleaned using the following method:

Fill a small clear glass with some warm water and a few drops of Ivory dish soap (non-detergent). Let your ring soak for 5-10 minutes to loosen any buildup. Using a clean baby or worn-out toothbrush and gently clean around stone settings. Be sure to clean under the stone setting, too! Rinse in warm water and pat dry with a soft cloth.

Getting a Tune Up

All the cleaning in the world won't take the place of getting your ring professionally inspected on a periodic basis. For most ring styles, we recommend coming in every 6 months to a year to have your ring professionally cleaned and inspected. This way, we will be able to take a close look at it and ensure that the stone or stones are not loose and the structure of the ring is sound. Skip this important responsibility, and risk losing your precious gemstone without noticing. If you even suspect a problem, put the ring in a sealed bag and bring it in!