

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wearing a white shirt, holding two small, round pearl earrings. The earrings have a gold-colored metal setting with a circular design of small diamonds around the pearl. The background is softly blurred.

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Pearls are natural gems and therefore require special care. Pearls appearance can be disturbed if not treated correctly. They are *the gift of the sea*, so the better we take care of the pearls, the longer they will keep their beautiful shine.

Chemical substances

Pearls are an organic gem comprised of calcium carbonate. They are particularly subject to deterioration from contact with chemicals, including:

- Components in household cleaners,
- Perfumes,
- Cosmetics,
- Hair care products of all kinds.

The surface of a pearl is soft and is easily damaged. Pearls set in rings and bracelets are subject easy to scuff and scratch, so they should be removed while:

- Doing any manual tasks,
- Washing dishes,
- Gardening,
- Gym work.

Important to remember

1. Pearls should be the last thing you put on when dressing and the first you take off when you are back home,
2. Never apply perfume or hairspray when you are already wearing pearl jewelry,
3. Remove your jewelry while doing any manual tasks.

Cleaning

Jewelry should be cleaned for basic hygiene reasons and also be kept clean and well maintained for beauty. Pearls are known to be timeless. To maintain their beauty, proper care is needed.

How to not destroy your pearl jewelry?

- Never use a toothbrush, toothpaste or no other type of abrasive for clearing pearls,
- Never wash pearls with anything that contains bleach, vinegar or alcohol,
- Never use household cleaners, jewelry cleaners or tarnish remover on pearls,
- Do not wear your pearls if the string is wet. A wet string can stretch and can easily absorb dirt or grime, which will be nearly impossible to remove.

How to clean pearl jewelry correctly?

- Mix a solution of lukewarm water and a few drops of mild soap. Dip a soft, clean cloth into the water and gently wipe down the pearls,
- Periodically soak it completely in water and gently wash it with a soft cloth for about a minute. When finished, rinse with clean water, also at ambient temperature. Dry it by wrapping it in a thin cotton fabric until it dries,
- Never use your pearl cleaning cloth to something else, and store it where it will not become dusty or soiled.

Storing

To help ensure the longevity and beauty of pearls you have to store them properly when you're not wearing them.

We have a few simple tips to help you keep your jewelry in good shape:

- Do not store your pearls jewelry in a plastic bag because plastic can secrete chemical compounds, which will destroy the surface of the jewelry,
- Do not store pearls in a very dry place (e.g. locked safe) for a long time. Pearls need some moisture, so they will not dry out,
- Do not leave pearls close to the heat source i.e. fireplace or on top of the TV,
- Real pearls are organic, so their color is subject to change. To prevent yellowing, store pearls in a non-abrasive fabric pouch or a fabric-lined jewelry box,
- Don't store your pearls with other jewelry because pearls can be scratched.

Thank you for downloading this guide.

We hope it will give you the guidance and information in assisting with your pearls maintenance.

All the best,
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