

Gemstone/Month	Cleaning Techniques	Comments/Meanings
Amber / May 	<p><i>Damp cloth and dry. Warm water and detergent is also effective.</i></p>	<p>Keep away as possible from sources of extremely high or low temperatures.</p> <p>Protection, Healing, Clearing</p>
Amethyst / February 	<p><i>Warm water, detergent, and soft brush</i></p>	<p><i>Most amethyst is heat treated to bring out best color, but it can crack as well as fade if exposed to high temperatures.</i></p> <p>Purification, Spirituality, Protection</p>
Aquamarine / March 	<p><i>Warm water, detergent, and soft brush</i></p>	<p><i>This blue beryl also receives heat treatments to bring out its blue color. Heat can still cause color fading.</i></p> <p>Support, Protection, Calming</p>
Citrine / November 	<p><i>Warm water, detergent, and soft brush</i></p>	<p><i>This heat-treated quartz will fade when exposed to heat.</i></p> <p>Happiness, Joy, Light</p>
Diamond / April 	<p><i>Ammonia-based cleaner. Warm water, detergent (grease cutting), and soft brush.</i></p>	<p><i>Diamonds have the greatest hardness of any natural material, which means they resist scratches better than any other gem. These stones take heat well, too. To maintain brilliance, remove any grease.</i></p> <p>Clarity, Balance, Prosperity</p>
Emerald / May 	<p><i>Warm water, detergent, and soft brush</i></p>	<p><i>Most emeralds are routinely bathed in warm oil after fashioning to improve color.</i></p> <p>Prosperity, Good Fortune, Hope</p>
Garnet / January 	<p><i>Warm water, detergent, and soft brush</i></p>	<p><i>Although relatively hard and tough, garnets do have some heat sensitivity.</i></p> <p>Commitment, Loyalty, Love</p>

Lapis lazuli /December



Warm water, detergent, and soft brush

This porous material can vary greatly in appearance. It often receives dyes to improve color.

Loyalty, Honor,Wisdom

Malachite /May



Cool water, detergent, and soft brush.

Polishes bright but wear can cause finish to dull.. Sensitive to acid, ammonia, heat, and hot water.

Wisdom Love,Power

Opal /October



Warm water, detergent, and soft brush

Very sensitive to pressure and thermal shock (hot or cold),

Courage,Hope,Creativity

Pearl /June



Wipe with damp, soft cloth. Don't dip pearls into liquid. Dry thoroughly.

These organic gems require special care to look their best.

Loyalty, Faith, Purity

Peridot /August



Warm water, detergent, and soft brush

Acids and heat can damage this stones.

Happiness, Joy

Ruby /July



Warm water, detergent, and soft brush.

High heat could damage gems with many crystal inclusions.

Royalty, Faith,Confidence

Sapphire /September



Warm water, detergent, and soft brush.

This gem may receive oil treatments, and inclusions may weaken its normally tough structure.

Spirituality,Insight,Focus

Turquoise / December



Wipe with damp cloth, then wipe dry immediately.

Avoid cleaning this porous gem material with soap, detergents, or cleaning solutions.
Wisdom, Friendship, Love, Joy

Topaz/November



Warm water, detergent, and soft brush

Both vibrations and heating may damage these gems.
Peace, Joy, Happiness

Tourmaline /October



Warm water, detergent, and soft brush

Moderately sensitive to heat. Bi-colored crystals sometimes split at color junctures.
Protection, Serenity, Security