






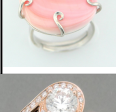
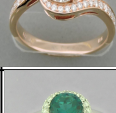










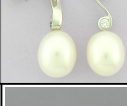
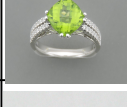













Coloured Gemstone Care and Enhancement Guide

- Coloured Gemstones are often enhanced in the production process.
- Coloured Gemstones offered by Costco have been enhanced unless otherwise stated.
- Avoid using any harsh chemicals, like bleach or ammonia, on any gemstone or metal as these can cause extreme damage to your
- Every piece of our jewellery with diamonds or gemstones has been inspected by one of our GIA Graduate Gemologists prior to shipping,
- Most jewellery can be cleaned with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth.

Gemstone Type		Common Treatments / Enhancements	Recommended Special Care
Amazonite		Impregnated with a colourless wax, paraffin, plastic or oil to improve appearance.	Avoid chemicals and ultrasonic. Extreme heat can cause color fading. Amazonite scratches easily.
Amethyst		Heated to improve / enhance colour. Irradiated and heated to darken colour.	The colour may fade in long exposure to direct sunlight or intense heat.
Aquamarine		Heated to improve / enhance colour	
Beryl - morganite		Heated to improve the colour	Avoid high temperatures, steam cleaning, chemicals and ultrasonic.
Chalcedony - dyed various colours		Dyed and or heated to improve or change the colour	Certain stones may fade in light or heat.
Chalcedony - black onyx		Dyed	
Citrine		Heated to improve / enhance colour	Avoid direct sunlight and exposure to heat.
Coral		Bleached, impregnated with colourless wax, stabilised with plastic to improve colour and durability.	Avoid chemicals and solvents
Diamond		None	Avoid hitting diamonds on anything hard, or wearing next to another diamond, as diamonds can chip.
Lab Created Emerald		None	Avoid high heat.
Garnet - All Types		None	Avoid sudden temperature changes.

Hematite		None	
Jade - Jadeite dyed		Dyed, Coated with colourless wax, two-step bleaching and polymer impregnation.	Avoid heat, chemicals, and ultrasonic.
Jade - Jadeite (natural)		Coated with colourless wax	Avoid ultrasonic.
Jade - Nephrite		None	Avoid heat, chemicals, and ultrasonic.
Lapis Lazuli		Coated with colourless wax or oil to improve appearance. Dyed to provide colour and/or uniformity	Avoid chemicals and ultrasonic
Moonstone		Oiled	Avoid ultrasonic
Opal		Impregnated with colourless oil, wax or resins to increase durability & improve appearance.	Avoid ultrasonic, heat and solvents.
Cultured pearls		Bleached to improve colour and appearance	Avoid chemicals, cosmetics and ultrasonic. Hair spray, perfume, and lotions can damage pearls.
Cultured Freshwater pearls		Bleached and / or dyed colors.	Avoid chemicals, cosmetics and ultrasonic. Hair spray, perfume, and lotions can damage pearls.
Peridot		None	Avoid exposure to heat and sudden changes in temperature. These may cause the peridot to fracture or break.
Ruby		Heated to improve the colour. Surface infilling is the glass residue associated with heat as a byproduct of the process. Fracture filling - when cavities are intentionally filled with glass. We do not accept composite rubies.	Avoid household chemicals and ultrasonic. Fracture filling in Rubies may be fragile and could fall out under extreme pressure; avoid heat and ultrasonic.
Sapphire - various colours		Heated to improve / enhance colour. Diffusion treatment	Avoid repolishing or recutting diffusion treated sapphires.
Sapphire - yellow		Diffusion treatment or heat	Avoid repolishing or recutting diffusion treated sapphires.
Spinel		None	
Tanzanite		Heated to produce violet-blue colour	Avoid sudden temperature changes and abrasives. Tanzanite scratches easily.

Topaz - Sky and Swiss Blue		Irradiated and heated to intensify colour	Avoid heat and strong light - colour may fade in exposure to sunlight
Topaz - London Blue		Irradiated and heated to intensify colour	Avoid heat and strong light - colour may fade in exposure to sunlight
Tourmaline - green		Heated to improve colour	
Tourmaline - Pink		Heated or irradiated to improve colour	
Turquoise		Impregnated with plastic, colorless oil, or wax to enhance or create colour or increase durability.	Avoid hot water and household chemicals
Zircon		Heated to improve colour	Avoid harsh abrasives

Stability* = The durability of the treatment or enhancement.