



DIY Procedures on How to Clean Your Gold Wedding Ring

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Jewelry varies and your item may require special care. The goal of cleaning is to enhance your gold ring's appearance and to protect it.

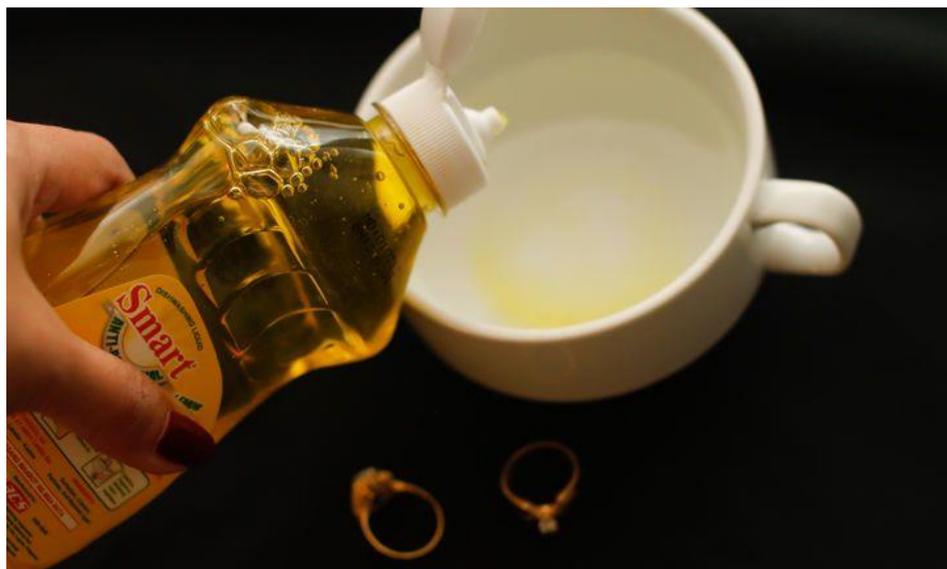
The method discussed in this piece should not be taken as the final word on cleaning when it comes to your wedding ring.

There are various methods used in cleaning jewelry but I find this method particularly versatile, useful and easy to carry out. The method discussed is **cleaning with a mild dish detergent**.

Below are the step by step procedures.

Step 1. Put a few drops of liquid dish detergent in a bowl of warm (not hot) water. Mix gently. Though ordinary tap water will work fine, for even better results, you can use sodium-free seltzer water or club soda. The carbonation in these liquids can help loosen accumulated dirt and debris.

Note: Don't use hot or boiling water, especially if your jewelry contains fragile precious stones. Some precious stones, like opals, can crack if subjected to rapid and drastic temperature changes



Step 2. Soak the gold jewelry in the solution. Allow the jewelry to sit in the water for about 15 minutes. As it soaks, warm soapy water will work its way into the cracks and crevices, loosening hard-to-reach buildups of dirt.



Step 3. Gently scrub the jewelry with a soft-bristle toothbrush. Scrub each piece of jewelry individually, paying special attention to nooks and crannies where dirt may be hidden. Use a very soft brush - the softer the better. Stiff bristles can scratch the surface of your jewelry. If your jewelry is gold-plated (as opposed to solid gold), especially stiff bristles can even remove the gold layer entirely!

Special brushes designed for this purpose are best, but most small, soft brushes (like, for instance, eyebrow brushes) will also work.



Step 4. Rinse each piece in warm running water. A good rinsing will help remove lingering dirt that's been loosened by the action of your brush. Again, make sure the water isn't hot , especially if your jewelry contains fragile stones.

If you're rinsing your jewelry in a sink, plug or cover the drain so that you don't accidentally lose your jewelry if it slips out of your hands. Alternatively, rinse your jewelry in a pasta strainer or metal coffee filter.



Step 5. Blot dry with a soft cloth. Then, let the jewelry sit out on a towel to air dry completely before wearing it again.

If your jewelry is still wet, wearing it can trap moisture against your skin, leading to minor skin irritation.



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