

Storing Sterling Silver Jewelry

The proper care of sterling silver jewelry starts with storage. Just as you would with any fine piece of jewelry, any sterling silver jewelry piece should be stored individually, preferably in a cool, dry place to help stall the oxidation or tarnishing that can develop.

I have found that keeping those little packets of desiccant you receive in prescription bottles, shoes, etc., do a fantastic job of deterring tarnish on any and all forms of sterling silver. Put one in a plastic baggy with your sterling silver and make sure you close it tightly.

Cleaning Sterling Silver Jewelry

No matter how well you store your sterling silver jewelry, or how often you clean it, some tarnish is likely to develop over time. This oxidation will first show as a glow combined with darkened areas.

Cleaning sterling silver is a relatively easy process but my recommendation is “Connoisseurs Jewelry Wipes”. They are available for purchase on my site and work extremely well.

Baking soda or a non-abrasive toothpaste is an alternative cleaner but some disagree on whether either are a good choice. Please use at your own risk.

Do not let the jewelry soak in any liquid for a prolonged time as deterioration of the metal might occur and please do not use bleach, ammonia, alcohol and acetone as they can damage your sterling silver beyond repair.

Keeping your jewelry tarnish free is the obvious choice but if you are not able to do this, having a box of “Connoisseurs” jewelry wipes at your disposal will get it

back to its beautiful, shiny brilliance. Please note that once you allow the piece to become completely black, it will be much more difficult to remove the tarnish.

The very best way to prevent tarnish on your sterling silver jewelry is to wear it often! The natural oils in your skin hinder the process of oxidation and that keeps your jewelry free from darkened areas. Properly caring and storing of your sterling silver jewelry will ensure that you will be able to wear and enjoy it for years to come!