



# Gemstone Cleaning Quick Reference

Gemstone	Mohs Hardness	Steam	Ultrasonic
Alexandrite	8.5	Usually	Usually
Amethyst	7	Never	Usually
Apatite	4.5	Never	Not Recommended
Aquamarine	7.5-8	Usually	Usually
Chalcedony	6.7-7	Usually	Usually
Citrine	7	Never	Usually
Coral	3.5-4	Never	Never
Diamond	10	Usually	Usually
Diopside	5.5-6	Never	Never
Emerald	7.5-8	Never	Never
Garnet	7-7.5	Never	Usually
Lolite	7-7.5	Never	Never
Jade	6-6.5	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
Labradorite	6-6.5	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
Lapis	5-5.5	Never	Never
Malachite	3.5-4	Never	Never
Moonstone	6-6.5	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
Morganite	7.5-8	Usually	Usually
Opal	5-6.5	Never	Never
Pearl	2.5-4.5	Never	Never
Peridot	6.5-7	Never	risky
Quartz	7	Never	Usually
Ruby	9	Usually	Usually
Sapphire	9	Usually	Usually
Tanzanite	6-7	Never	Never
Topaz	8	Never	Never
Tourmaline	7-7.5	Never	Never
Turquoise	5-6	Never	Never

*The original source of these recommendations was the GIA (Gemological Institute of America).*