



AFTERCARE

Tips and advice for the longevity of your Krystalis Nordic jewelry.
A short guide to best preserve your silver jewelry.

Tarnish of silver metal

What is tarnishing?

Tarnishing is the chemical reaction that naturally happens when the silver metal comes into contact with sulfide to create silver sulfide (Ag_2S). Sulfide can come in contact with the silver either through the air, or through the skin from cosmetics and soaps etc.

This silver sulfide will create a yellow-brownish color, and eventually it will turn almost completely black.

How do I remove silver tarnish?

When your silver jewelry starts to tarnish, you can clean it with a silver cleanser, which will remove the dark layer of silver sulfide.

I recommend using a chemical dip cleanser, as these do not "remove" the layer of silver sulfide, they convert the silver sulfide (Ag_2S) back into pure silver (Ag).

What should I be mindful of?

If your jewelry contains pearls and/or any type of stone, I recommend trying to avoid getting the cleanser into contact with these, as some stones and pearls can take damage from cleansing.

Gold plated silver jewelry can be cleaned with a dip cleanser as well, but be mindful, that the cleanser does not dissolve the gold plating.

What silver cleanser should I buy?

Silver cleansers are chosen based on preference, however I use a chemical dip cleanser, as I find these very efficient.

I personally use the Hagerty Silver Clean, however I do not sell these. Therefore an alternative may be more accessible in your country.

General advice

Preventing tarnishing

Although tarnish can be removed as described, it is recommended to take off the jewelry when showering, sleeping, swimming, washing hands and putting on body lotions and other creams or cosmetics.

Labor

It is not recommended wearing the jewelry during hard physical labor.

Sharp edged jewelry

Some jewelry, especially custom jewelry like the Arcane rings, may have sharp edges as a part of the design. These edges may very well get stuck in fine clothing like sweaters.

It is therefore not recommended to be worn in combination with any clothing item, it can easily pull loose threads from.

Renewal of gold plating

Eventually the gold plating on gold plated jewelry will become worn and fade. This plating can be renewed at either a gold-smith or specific shops.

Jewelry with soft stones

If your jewelry contains soft and porous stones like opals, moonstones or turquoise, avoid getting it into contact with soap, lotion, oils, and perfume, as these stones tend to absorb products and become cloudy over time.

By following the relevant guidelines you prolong the lifetime of your jewelry, contributing to a lower and more meaningful consumption. This is greatly appreciated by me.