

Sterling Silver

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Most of our Montanan sapphires and garnets are set in sterling silver settings. This allows us to keep the price low, particularly with the current price of gold, and still offer a quality product. Sterling silver is the most popular metal used for jewelry as it looks nice, is quite malleable, and not overly expensive.

However, the one downside to sterling silver is that it tarnishes over time. Many things that a sterling silver jewelry piece may come in contact can cause tarnishing. In fact, simply letting them sit around will cause them to tarnish. However, there are steps you can take to slow down the process of tarnishing as well as easily clean the pieces when they do tarnish.

To prevent tarnishing, clean your piece after wearing it with warm water and be sure to dry it completely. Then store it in an airtight dry location as humidity and exposure to air causes tarnishing. If you have some silica gel packs laying around, as many jewelry pieces come with them, you can store the item with one of those packs to further prevent tarnishing. But fortunately, one of the best ways to prevent tarnishing is simply to wear the piece. Everyday friction and normal wear and tear does wonders to prevent sterling silver from tarnishing. Particularly if you are careful to clean your piece occasionally and avoid letting it come in contact with too many things that that tend to cause tarnishing. Things such as oils, salty food, rubber, and latex can cause tarnishing.

Eventually your sterling silver jewelry piece may become tarnished, but fortunately they are quite easy to clean up. Purchasing some silver polish or a silver polishing cloth will do wonders and will take only minutes to have your piece looking as good as new.