THE PERFECT PEARLS

Pearl care card

Pearls are soft (Mohs 2.5 to 3.0) and sensitive to chemicals. GIA's advice, on one card.

Do

- ✓ Wipe with a soft cloth after every wear
- ✓ Put on perfume, hair spray and makeup first
- ✓ Clean now and then with warm, soapy water
- ✓ Let a strung necklace dry completely before wearing
- ✓ Store pearls apart from other jewelry
- ✓ Keep them in a soft pouch or lined box
- ✓ Have a stretched or dirty strand restrung

Don't

- ✗ Use ultrasonic or steam cleaners
- ✗ Use alcohol, acetone or jewelry dips
- ✗ Store them in plastic bags
- ✗ Leave them in heat or strong light
- ✗ Wear them in the shower or pool
- ✗ Toss them in with other jewelry

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Sources: GIA, Pearl care and cleaning; GIA, June birthstones. Checked October 2026.
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