**Crystals + Water**

Crystals can be fragile, so handling them with tender love and care is essential to keep them beautiful and lasting for a long time. And that means we sometimes have to clean our crystals!

For the majority of your stones & crystals, you can use warm soapy water and a soft cloth or soft toothbrush to clean them. Some crystals cannot be submerged in water, and depending on their hardness can dissolve or crack if left in water for an extended amount of time. Some harder crystals should also be kept out of water. These include crystals that contain minerals that can rust or release toxins when in water for an extended time. For these crystals, I recommend using a plain soft cleaning cloth to wipe them down or a Swiffer to gently dust them off.

# Water-safe crystals

The following stones & crystals you can wash with warm soapy water and even include in your bath water for some added healing energy!

* Agate
* Amethyst
* Ametrine
* Aventurine
* Carnelian
* Citrine
* Clear Quartz
* Jasper
* Prasiolite (aka Green Amethyst)
* Rose Quartz
* Smoky Quartz
* Tiger Eye

# Crystals to keep away from water

The following stones & crystals cannot be exposed to water for long periods of time. They will either rust, start to disintegrate, or release toxic fumes. The crystals that say “(unpolished)” cannot be exposed to water in their natural form. However, once they are polished, you can use a lightly damp towel to wipe them down, with the exception of Pyrite.

* Amazonite
* Amber
* Angelite
* Any crystal containing Copper (will tarnish)
* Aquamarine
* Azurite (unpolished)
* Calcite
* Celestite/Celestine (unpolished)
* Fluorite (Unpolished)
* Gypsum (Selenite, Satin Spar, Desert Rose)
* Imperial Topaz
* Kunzite
* Kyanite
* Lapis Lazuli
* Lepidolite (unpolished)
* Malachite (unpolished)
* Moonstone
* Opal (use natural water only)
* Pyrite (releases toxic fumes when it gets wet and is then exposed to oxygen)
* Red Coral
* Ruby
* Turquoise (unpolished)

# Crystals in drinking water

It’s important to note that even the crystals that are water-safe are still porous. So, I always let people know to not put crystals directly in drinking water. You can still benefit from the healing energy of crystals by placing them next to a glass/pitcher of water.

I hope that you have found this information useful and that it will help you to continue to enjoy your crystal beauties for years to come!