

## Cleaning Crystal - Form 10405

### Overview

The most important factors that contribute to the frequency of cleaning your crystal chandelier are the location, type of crystals, and the shape of the crystals. A crystal chandelier hanging in a foyer trimmed with Swarovski Strass crystals, which are finished with an optical coating that repels dust and other airborne particles, is both easier to clean and would be done less frequently, while a crystal chandelier trimmed with hand cut crystal pendeloques in the same location will show more dust and require frequent cleanings.

To determine if your crystals need to be cleaned, look at your light fixture and if the crystals seem to be dull or have a layer of dust coating on them, refer to the cleaning techniques below.

**Note:** Prior to using any crystal cleaning techniques listed below, unplug and turn off the power source to your crystal light fixture and allow all bulbs to cool.

### Cleaning Techniques

Grand Light has been the leading source of crystal light fixtures for over 70 years, and in that time, we have perfected the art of cleaning and maintaining crystals. Here's how we recommend you do it.

- **Latex Glove Method:** This technique is best used when particle and dust coating is minimal and does not require the crystals to be removed.

Start off by preparing a solution consisting of one part isopropyl alcohol to three parts distilled water in a spray bottle. Next while wearing latex gloves, spray the solution onto a lint-free cleaning cloth. Do not spray the crystals directly to reduce the chance of spotting. To ensure proper cleaning, each crystal should be done one at a time.

- **Crystal Removal Method:** This technique is best used to remove the dust that has been building up over the years and requires a bit more effort to clear away.

Begin by placing a soft towel or blanket down on a level, safe location. Next, remove all trims and finish pieces that will prevent you from removing the crystals. Once this is completed, remove the crystals and place them on the towel or blanket. Upon removal of the crystal, hand wash them in mild dish soap and lukewarm water. Rinse the crystals in warm water and allow them to dry. Remember to wear gloves when placing them back on your crystal chandelier or any other crystal light fixture to reduce fingerprints and other grime.