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Jewelry appraisal tips

Whether you're looking to sell jewelry you never wear or want pieces appraised for insurance purposes, a qualified appraiser will be able to determine the actual value of your gems.

Be sure to bring in the item, not a picture, for the appraiser to examine as well as copies of any sales receipts or other documentation you have about the item.

Angie's List tips for finding a reputable jewelry appraiser.

Check their credentials: Find an appraiser who's trained and certified by the Gemological Institute of America and the American Gem Society. They are required to have continuing education, regular color vision tests, and an accredited gem lab. A good appraiser will evaluate every aspect of the gemstone, mounting and how it's made.

Jewelry appraisers typically charge by the hour. Never work with anyone who charges a percentage of the item's worth. A good appraiser should review all items and establish a rate with the customer before beginning the process. Don't use a jewelry appraiser who offers to buy the item, sell you alternative item or charges a percentage of the item's value. It's usually more cost effective to bring in a number of pieces at once, rather than appraising them individually.

Get a second opinion: To make sure you're getting an accurate appraisal, consider obtaining two to three different opinions.

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