

# Locally Famous Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

-Remove wrap/bandage after one hour and clean your fresh tattoo. It's important to let your tattoo "breathe," do not wrap your tattoo at any point during the healing process.

-For the **FIRST WASH** only, with clean hands, gently wash the tattoo with a small amount of liquid, antibacterial, unscented soap (such as Dial Gold) and warm water... lather for approximately 1-2 minutes to remove blood and plasma. Rinse with cold water until all soap and debris is removed. Pat dry with a soft, clean towel or paper towel and let it air dry to evaporate excess moisture.

-For the remainder of the healing process, gently wash your tattoo with a small amount of the same liquid, antibacterial, unscented soap and warm water, being careful not to scrub too hard – do not remove any scabbing or flaking skin.

-After 48 hours, after each daily cleaning, once the skin has dried, apply a very thin coat of mild, unscented white lotion (such as Lubriderm, Aveno, or Eucerin). Gently massage lotion into the tattoo until it absorbs, dabbing off any excess lotion with a clean towel if necessary. Repeat process 2-3 times daily, for approximately two weeks or until your tattoo is fully healed. **DO NOT** use any petroleum based products on your tattoo. Keep your new tattoo out of direct exposure to sunlight for the first 4 weeks.

-While it is important to keep your tattoo clean and moisturized, avoid soaking your tattoo in water for at least the first two weeks of healing. A new tattoo needs to be cleaned, but should be kept away from baths, pools, oceans, rivers, hot tubs, and saunas. Submerging a new tattoo can introduce bacteria and other pathogens, and can seriously interfere with the skin's natural healing process, which negatively affects the quality of the tattoo once it heals.

-Do not scratch or pick your tattoo while it is healing. It is normal for tattoo to be itchy, develop light scabbing, peel like a "lizard," and cause the surrounding skin to bruise or be red. Do not attempt to remove scabs or manually peel the flaking skin, as this can damage the tattoo, and cause scarring or infection. Let it happen on its own.

-If you have any questions, contact your artist or the shop directly – Google is not your friend! We are happy to help ensure that you have a positive healing experience, so your tattoos will remain bold and beautiful for a lifetime!