**SKIN CITY INK & STEEL TATTOO AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Remove the plastic wrap about 1 1/2 hours after your tattoo is completed. DO NOT REBANDAGE.

2. Immediately after you remove the plastic wrap, it's time to wash that tat...

3. Run fresh, hot, tap water, and gently wash with antibacterial soap such as Dial soap. It is recommended to use the hottest water you can put your hands into, and run it over your new tattoo for about ten seconds, to rinse all the soap away.

4. Immediately switch the hot water over to the coldest setting and run it over your tattoo for ten to fifteen seconds.

5. Pat your tattoo dry with a clean towel and allow it to air-dry for ten to fifteen minutes.

6. Apply a very thin layer of your recommended aftercare product.

7. Apply your aftercare product two or three more times during the day, and be sure to wash your hands thoroughly before each time.

8. Repeat the washing instructions at least twice daily. Once in the morning, once at night at a minimum.

9. Do not re-wrap the tattoo at any time!

Please note, the hot water is going to hurt... ALOT!!!! However, this method is known to heal your tattoo faster, and with a lot less scabbing than any other recommendations. Some of our clients have reported healing within four days, with No scabs at all!!

**Saniderm Aftercare** (clear bandage)

1. Leave on 4-7 days maximum

2. Some secretion build up under the bandage is normal until the bandage comes off.

3. If bandage seal breaks (if water or dirt can reach your tattoo), take off immediately and wash with instructions above.

4. When you remove your bandage with hot water, wash thoroughly with hot and cold water technique as stated above. There may be some adhesive left over from bandage, use rubbing alcohol on the skin around the tattoo.

5. Tattoo will be in flaky itchy stage, make sure to continue washing at least twice a day. Use lotion (preferably un fragrance) after the 10-15 minute dry period.

**Some Do's.....**

Do keep your tattoo clean.

Do keep your tattoo moisturized with the aftercare you have been recommended to use.

Do use sunblock on your tattoo to help protect it once it's healed.

Do call your tattoo artist if you have questions. There is no such thing as a stupid question!

**Some Don'ts....**

Don't go swimming (pool, ocean, lake or river) for two weeks after you get a fresh tattoo..... Unless you like infections!! This includes soaking in a hot tub or bathtub.

Don't go tanning or get a lot of direct sun exposure on your fresh tattoo.

Don't scratch or pick your tattoo while it's healing, or you'll pull the ink our of that fresh tattoo!! Leave the scabs alone!!

Following these aftercare instructions will ensure that your tattoo looks amazing from the time it's initially put into your skin until long after it's healed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via phone, Facebook or coming in.

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