



KIM HAGGERTY ZYLJUS/DAILY BREEZE

Jodi Shay first learned the art of Brazilian bikini waxing by practicing on herself. The practice paid off. She now owns her own business, Queen Bee Waxing, which is based in Culver City. Shay says it takes her five to 10 minutes to give her clients the most-requested kind of waxing.

Woman's house of wax is (mostly) painless

CULVER CITY: Queen Bee hair remover is fond of her clients, especially if they arrive on time and showered.

By Megan Bagdonas
DAILY BREEZE

When Jodie Shay was 6, she cut her younger sister's long hair into a chic bob. Then a year later, she shaved her legs for the first time and was grounded for a week.

Shay's passions about hair removal go back a long way.

She learned to perfect the racy Brazilian bikini wax technique on herself, after other waxers refused to do it for her. Friends who also wanted the smooth look begged her to wax them, then their friends wanted it, then their friends wanted it done as well.

Now, the 35-year-old hair-removal aficionado from Bath, England, owns her own waxing studio, Queen Bee Waxing in Culver City, where she rips out the hair of thousands of willing clients.

What does your job entail?

I would say 99.5 percent Brazilian bikini waxing. All the hair underneath is taken off and everything on the top is taken off, unless they want a shape — I've done various shapes for people. Valentine's Day, I get a lot of requests for hearts. I've had to do initials for boyfriends, but mostly just triangles and strips.

How long does a Brazilian bikini wax take?

It takes me about five to 10 minutes.

What's the best part of your job?

My clients, I love my clients. The hours — I choose my own hours. I choose what day I want to work. Being my own boss.

What about the worst part?

People who fail to show up for appointments. That's one of my biggest pet peeves. I mean, seriously, I'm angry for a day. It's rude! Recently I had a British soap star who was supposed to come on Tuesday and she didn't show up, although she's been bugging me for an appointment for ages. Turns out she was at Sundance [Film Festival].

Find out more

■ Queen Bee Waxing
Culver City
310-922-7039
jodi@queenbee
waxing.com
www.queenbeewaxing.
com

And she was very blasé about it. I was like, "You had an appointment, and I have a waiting list. Time is money!"

And, if you really want to print this, people who arrive and are not showered, I mean seriously, I will send people away. I want

clean people here.

Is waxing painful?

It can be. If you come to your appointment and you're nervous and you're stressed out, it's going to be more painful because your body's already tight and tense. But if you come and you're relaxed and know what to expect, you'll be alright.

What makes for a bad bikini waxing experience?