

the best places

# hair removal

Prep for skin-baring shorts, dresses, and bikinis with a trip to one of these standout depilation experts.

### Ava MD Derm Tech Center

9915 S. Santa Monica Blvd., 310-264-2421. This sunlit, seven-treatment-room medspa specializes in laser hair removal (\$125 and up, depending on the number of sessions necessary) and yields lasting results. Book your appointment with dermatologist and owner Ava Shamban, who meticulously defuzzes underarms and bikini lines.

### Ziba Beauty Center

10800 W. Pico Blvd., Ste. 397, 310-234-8564. Fast, neat, and less painful than plucking, threading is ideal for brow shaping, and the aestheticians at this trendy mall salon can fine-tune your arches for a mere \$9. Though the place is always hopping, walk-ins are welcome and serviced within minutes.



LASER SOLUTIONS SKINCARE

### Queen Bee Waxing

11049 Barman Ave., Culver City, 310-922-7039. Shrouded under avocado trees behind owner Jodi Shays' home, this intimate studio is known for its laid-back atmosphere and sting-free waxing. British expat Shays serves

tea and biscuits, and her precise technique yields immaculate results. The popular Full Monty (as in hair-free) procedure takes just 10 minutes and leaves no bumps or redness.

### Ruth's Skin Care

8500 Melrose Ave., 310-652-5220. The demand for Ruth Cage's leg waxes prompted her to double the size of her chandelier-lit salon. The

most sought-after service, however, remains the same: Cage clears the bikini line using a nonirritating honey wax and guarantees no pain (she'll return the \$25 fee if you're not satisfied). Bonus: Post-treatment, she offers gratis homemade wraps and finger sandwiches.

### Laser Solutions Skincare

416 N. Bedford Dr., Ste. 100, 310-550-5566. Despite a staff of white-coat-clad paramedical aestheticians, this Beverly Hills laser treatment and electrolysis center feels more homey than clinical. Be sure to see Dana Elise, who administers electrolysis (from \$45) with exacting skill, sculpting hairlines and eyebrows to flatter your face.

## Stripes

A glittery disco ball and zebra-print ottomans lend a playful feel to this Bel Air shop, which is reliably stocked with whimsical accessories, such as Swarovski crystal-studded heels by Pedro Garcia and Tory Burch buckle-trimmed python flats. The discount applies to any single regularly priced item. **2936 N. Beverly Glen Cir., 310-475-3575**

save 20%



KORS BY MICHAEL KORS "MAVERICKS" SANDALS  
REGULAR PRICE \$155 LOCAL BREAKS PRICE \$124

save 20%

## Pink Mascara

A colossal range of designers—from the small but established (3.1 Phillip Lim) to the well-known (Rebecca Taylor)—fills the racks at this shop. Save 20 percent on any one item. **6258 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, 949-716-8611**



MINT JODI ARNOLD "ROTHKO FLORAL" TOP  
REGULAR PRICE \$264 LOCAL BREAKS PRICE \$211.20

# the lowdown...

## hot item

New L.A.-based line Crown Atelier is filled with everyday-stylish tops you'll want to wear to death—like this boxy white linen blouse, which has a breezy, perfect-for-summer nautical vibe. Available at **Sienna, 8908 Melrose Ave., 310-550-8355.**



SAILOR TOP, \$100, CROWN ATELIER, SIENNA, 310-550-8355

## store opening

Outfitted with rough-hewn wood floors and rustic shelving, the freshly minted L.A. outpost of **A.P.C.** (619 N. Croft Ave., [apc.fr](http://apc.fr)) carries the full run of the minimalist label's effortlessly cool pieces, including its signature jeans and chicly understated dresses.

## sale

On May 19, from 10 AM to 6 PM, hit Santa Monica's **Montana Avenue Sidewalk Sale** (for more info, go to [montanaave.com](http://montanaave.com)) and find bargains from unfailingly fabulous shops, like Jill Roberts and Holiday.

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