

Pre & Post Care Instructions – Laser Hair Removal

Pre-Care

To ensure optimal results and minimize risks, please follow these guidelines:

- Avoid sun exposure: Stay out of the sun, tanning beds, and self-tanners for at least 2–4 weeks prior to treatment. Sunburned or tanned skin cannot be treated.
- Shave the treatment area: Shave the area 12–24 hours before your appointment. Do not wax, pluck, or use depilatory creams for at least 3–4 weeks prior, as these remove the hair follicle necessary for treatment.
- Arrive with clean skin: Ensure the treatment area is free of lotions, deodorant, makeup, or oils.
- Medications: Avoid antibiotics, photosensitizing medications, or Accutane unless cleared by your provider. Inform us of all medications you are currently taking.
- Avoid skin irritants: Stop using retinoids, glycolic acid, salicylic acid, and exfoliants on the treatment area for at least 3–5 days before your session.
- Clothing: Wear loose, comfortable clothing if treating larger body areas to reduce friction post-treatment.

Post-Care

It is normal to experience **mild redness**, **swelling**, **or warmth** (similar to a sunburn) for 24–48 hours after treatment.

- Soothe the skin: Apply aloe vera gel or a cool compress as needed for comfort.
- Avoid heat: Refrain from hot showers, saunas, and hot tubs for at least 24–48 hours
- Sun protection: Protect the treated area from sun exposure. Apply a broad-spectrum SPF daily.
- Avoid irritants: Do not use retinoids, glycolic acid, exfoliants, or fragranced lotions on the treated area for at least 3–5 days post-treatment.
- Exercise caution: Avoid strenuous exercise, swimming, and activities that cause excessive sweating for 24–48 hours.

Reminder: Temporary redness or swelling is expected and should resolve quickly. For best results, follow the complete treatment plan and notify your provider of any concerns.