

Kane Salon moves to a carbon neutral waste system

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Jonathan Kane Salon & Spa in Homewood has partnered with Green Circle Salons to become a carbon neutral facility in its waste management.

The salon uses separate garbage bins for every different kind of waste it produces, and all of it is repurposed and reused by Green Circle Salons. Jonathan Kane Salon owner Larry Kane said this is only a part of the salon's ongoing mission of being environmentally conscious.

Jonathan Kane Salon first partnered with Green Circle Salons in April 2021, Kane said.

"Within seven months, we diverted over 740 pounds of waste from a landfill," Kane said.

Green Circle provides Jonathan Kane Salon with separate garbage bins for hair, hair color, metal, single-use products, plastics and paper. Kane said they fill up these bins and every week or so, they call UPS to pick up the waste and take it to Green Circle's facility.

"Green Circle Salons is a Canadian-based company, and what they do is create a carbon neutral journey for 95% of our trash," Kane said. "They supply the shipping containers, and we provide the waste."



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Larry Kane, left, the owner of Jonathan Kane Salon, with the director of operations Tina Fagan.

The waste produced by Jonathan Kane Salon is repurposed and reused. Green Circle takes hair clippings and turns them into hair booms, a cylinder-shaped pad filled with absorbent material, and this is used to clean up oil spills.

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Salon's longstanding, environmental efforts, Kane stressed.

To reduce the use of electricity, all bulbs in the salon are low-voltage LED lights, Kane said. Before the pandemic, to reduce paper waste the salon stopped printing receipts and started emailing them to cus-

tomers instead. They also converted the paper menu to a QR code that takes the customer to their website.

Jonathan Kane Salon is in a licensing agreement to carry hair and beauty products made by Aveda Concepts, which claims that its products are 100% vegan, according to the company's website.

Kane said he hopes to reach customers who have environmental concerns about the hair and beauty products they buy.

"Does this company use post-consumer waste in manufacturing their product? Are they using petrochemicals? Are they using animal byproducts? Are they testing on animals?" Kane said.

Kane said he aims for the salon to have a friendly atmosphere.

"We also wanted to make sure that the demographics of this area, of the community, were reflected in our staff. More specifically, over 40% of our clientele are women of color. And now over 40% of our staff are women of color," Kane said. "That's important to us. It's important to this community. Because it is an incredibly, wonderfully diverse community."

Jonathan Kane Salon & Spa is located at 18065 Harwood Ave. and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The shop is closed on Monday.



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