

Shampoo Bars

Congratulations! You are the proud owner of a handmade shampoo bar. We searched for years for a shampoo bar good enough for our customers – and this is it! Our soapmaker Karla has spent a long time developing her “secret formula”. These shampoo bars are consistently one of our best-selling products; we hope you will enjoy them as much as others have.

Our shampoo bars are free of synthetic colorants, preservatives, and (with the exception of the Fragrant Tresses, Sage, Cedar & Sweetgrass, and Pinion Leaf varieties) are scented only with pure essential oils. Unlike most commercial shampoos, your handmade shampoo bar is also free of petroleum by-products, and is made with natural vegetable oils, and other natural ingredients such as herbal tea, beer, essential oils, and herbally infused oils. These shampoos are also suitable for vegans (free of animal by-products). Minimal packaging is another benefit of these shampoo bars – no bottle to recycle, just a small paper box.

To use the shampoo bar, simply rub the bar over your scalp, then work the lather through with your fingertips. Our handmade shampoo bars have a surprising amount of lather!

Commercial shampoos contain chemical “conditioners” that collect on hair and weigh it down. When you start using your handmade shampoo bar, it will begin to strip off all the extra “junk” commercial shampoos leave in your hair. This can INITIALLY cause your hair to feel stiff, or sticky. Don’t panic! This is what we call “funky hair syndrome”, and it is curable! Use a vinegar rinse (2 tbsp. of any kind of vinegar in 1 cup of water) for at least the first week. Simply pour the vinegar rinse over your hair after shampooing, and then rinse out or leave in, however you choose. The vinegar helps remove the “junk” from your hair – with the added benefit of balancing the pH of your hair, and adding shine and body! After approximately a week (often much sooner) you will no longer have “funky hair” – just soft, shiny all-natural hair. (Not everyone gets funky hair – we just wanted to warn you in case you are one of those that do!)

After the first week, you may continue to use the vinegar rinse, or not – it’s your choice. If you’re like us, you’ll like the added body and shine! Plain white vinegar or apple cider work just fine, but for added herbal benefits you may want to try some of our herbal hair vinegars.

These shampoo bars also make an excellent “head to toe” bar and can definitely be used as a facial soap or body soap – perfect for camping or traveling. Shampoo bars are perfectly suitable for permed, dyed, or processed hair.

To extend the life of your handmade artisan shampoo bar, please keep it away from direct water (don’t let your shower run on it!) and keep it in a well-drained soap dish. Soggy soap will not last nearly as long as a dry, well-drained bar of soap.

For more information, please visit our website, especially the hair care page, at <http://prairielandherbs.com/hair.htm>

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email us at shop@prairielandherbs.com or call us at (515)438-4268.