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The best blow dry bar options in the Bay

There's a blow dry bar in the Bay for any style you're looking for, from beachy curls to fancy updos

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While San Francisco may not be known for its killer fashion sense, when it comes to beauty, the Bay Area brings its A-game. Well-known international brands like Benefit, Sephora and Bare Escentuals have their headquarters in San Francisco. Nail salons, day spas, makeup boutiques and **barber shops** are everywhere, with both luxury and affordable offerings in all of SF's bustling neighborhoods, from West Portal to Cow Hollow. And one beauty trend that's taken the city by storm? The blow dry bar. These wildly popular salons sell more than just a fun experience and polished locks. As Karen Hayes, owner of the East Bay's Bounce Blow Dry Bars, puts it, "We're in the business of empowering women. When you look good, you feel good, and you're more inclined to do good." Making the world a better place one blowout at a time? That's something every savvy woman can get behind. Want to experience the blow dry bar trend first hand? Here are the top ten places to get a self-esteem boosting blowout in the Bay Area.



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Halo

Halo is a full service beauty salon in the South Bay offering blowouts, brow shaping and makeup at four locations: Palo Alto, Burlingame, Menlo Park and Los Altos. With white blow dryers attached to cords that hang from the ceilings, upside down tulip-shaped light fixtures and sleek silver chairs, everything about Halo feels tech-driven, modern and even futuristic. From the first phone call to the final tip, the service-driven staff treats you kindly upon every step of the way. It's their mission to make each client a regular, so attention to detail is apparent and thus, it's no surprise that Halo is the preferred blow-dry bar of the women of Silicon Valley.