

# Myth #7: Shaving makes hair grow back darker, thicker and coarser.

Shaving affects the skin's surface, so the hair follicles underneath remain the same, says Holy Cross Hospital dermatologist Gregory Perez, M.D. The short stubble that results appears to be coarser and darker, but it's just an illusion; the follicle will become softer and appear lighter once it grows. "Hair grows under the skin's surface, so shaving the surface isn't affecting the skin bulb," he says. – A.F.

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