



"Tipping Point"

Confused about Tipping? Let us Give you our Two Cents.

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As therapists in private practice, we never expect a gratuity. While tips are a lovely gesture that we always appreciate, we have set our service fees at a rate with which we are comfortable. And since we are solo practitioners, that entire amount is paid directly to us.

In spas and other massage establishments, massage therapists are usually paid an hourly wage or a commission, which is often only a small fraction of the price of the services they provide. In these types of settings, many clients choose to tip their therapists as a token of gratitude, or a reward for an outstanding level of service. And many of these establishments encourage their patrons (sometimes not so subtly) to tip their therapists, in order to bring the therapists' income up to a livable wage.

We feel that visiting a private practitioner not only helps ensure that you will have a reliably positive therapeutic experience, but helps you avoid any confusion or feelings of obligation when it comes to tipping. We know that in this economic climate, it's important to seek out the best value, and we hope that this information will help you make a more informed price comparison.

When it comes to our rates, "what you see is what you get." And what you get is a consistently outstanding massage at a fair, straight-forward price.

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