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5 Questions With ... Kim Engler, on Green Girl Maid Service

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Kim Engler, 40, has a bachelor's degree in environmental studies/geography from UCLA and received an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Engler always wanted to own a business, and make sure improving the environment was a part of it. She started Green Girl Maid Service in 2009 in Huntington Beach. We asked her all about it.

Q: So, what does your company do?



Kim Engler

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A: We provide highly detailed cleaning for residential and commercial properties, and we use all non-toxic products. We also supply everything required for the cleaning unless the client would like something specific used. We bring clean sponges, mop heads, microfibers, towels and more. We also use the top-of-the-line Miele Hepa filter canister vacuum. On average, for residential, a regular green cleaning runs between two and three hours. We have a staff of five and our company is fully licensed and bonded.

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Q: What do you like about it?

A: I love our clients. It's such a great feeling to know you are doing something good for them and making a difference, even if it's small. Seeing a home transform from a not-so-clean slate to a clean home without the use of toxic chemicals is a great sense of satisfaction. Plus, you get a built-in workout from cleaning.

Q: Do you have any humorous incidents you can share?

A: One thing we have seen repeatedly is our client's children really react to the colorful dusters we use for cobwebs and

reaching places higher than can be reached with a step stool. They love our dusters, grab them and start dusting floors. We love it, too, and are entertained just as much as they are. Some of them get so excited when we arrive and start yelling that we are here.

Q: Do you find yourself cleaning your own home constantly when you're not cleaning other spaces?

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A: My home is clean, but I do have a few junk drawers. As a child, I was definitely not a neat freak and my father can attest to that. In my off time, I try and assist in finding homes for stray and abandoned pets. I'm a huge animal lover. I also work out and spend time with family and friends.

Q: Any plans for expansion?

A: I am getting ready to launch my own non-toxic product line of cleaners. An all-purpose glass, air freshener and hand sanitizer. There will be no alcohol, which is in most, and isn't good – for kids especially. It's called Lil' Green Girl's World. It's set to launch within the next six weeks.

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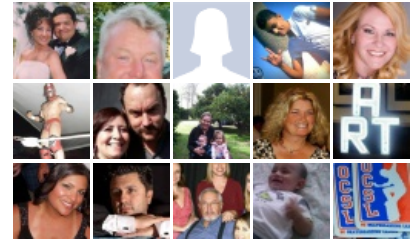
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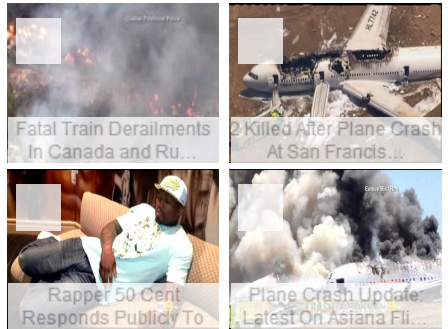


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