

Preparation Guidelines for Bedbug Treatment

The level of preparation involved depends on the level of bed bug activity, below are general guidelines, at the time of initial service your technician may require additional preparation and steps be made in advance of the follow up visit.

Do not move to another room to avoid being bitten as you may spread the problem. Do not move items to other rooms or remove pictures frames from walls prior to treatment. Box spring BB encasements are required and mattress encasements recommended. Reduce overall clutter as much as possible, especially cardboard items and any storage under or adjacent to sleeping areas.

- 1 Perform a general vacuuming of all areas paying special attention to moldings, cracks & crevices, base of closets and under and around bed, then bag and discard the vacuum bag outside the building.
- 2 Please move furniture, stored items etc. away from walls to allow for access, outlet covers should be removed in sleeping & lounging areas. Have night table drawers emptied for your inspection and or treatment. Please secure valuables, knickknacks and fragile items prior to service. Please note that technician may require assistance with queen or larger mattresses so please prepare accordingly.
- 3 Beds must be stripped and linens treated per #5. Mattresses and items may be moved during service and may need to be repositioned. Please note that on occasion older pullout couches may not close properly. Muslin under box springs & couches may be removed for treatment.
- 4 Upon arrival inform technician where bed bugs were noted or alerted to by K9 and about any recent acquisitions, guests or bed bug issues with household members nannies, health aids or surrounding apts.
- 5 Bed clothes & linens must be dried at high temperatures 140° for 30 minutes. Any items not dried at that time must be sealed in plastic bags addressed prior to use. Laundry bag must be dried, if you use plastic remember to use a new bag following dryer. Do not store items under bed.
- 6 Stuffed animals or children’s toys which are not to be discarded must be bagged before service, toys should be washed in hot water and stuffed animals dried as above. If items such as books, albums etc. are suspect they should be inspected or bagged for further inspection and self-treatment. Check suitcases and backpacks.

All people and all pets must be out of the unit at the time of service and for a minimum of two hours following. Remove pet bowls and toys as well as exposed food. Upon return vent apartment for 30 minutes before reentry. Wash food preparation areas such as counter tops as a general precaution before use. Following treatment some dust may have migrated if so please gently remove it with a damp paper towel and discard.

FOLLOW UP SERVICE

Scheduled 10-15 days later; follow up services vary based on any reported activity, inspection or additional instructions given at initial inspection. Traditionally it will consist of inspection and limited treatment to bed bug hot spots. Note that children and pets will need to be out of treatment area at time of service and until material has dried.

REMEMBER: Chemical treatment alone will not solve a bed bug issue, you must be a part of the solution by following the above and any other recommendations. Following treatments openings for wiring, radiators, HVACS or gaps along molding should be sealed with a quality sealant. Continue to vacuum on a weekly basis. Following service, you may notice some bed bug activity, this is normal. Please don't stay away from home following treatment as this will disrupt the control cycle and may cause bed bugs to roam from treated target areas. BBP -18

