



Professional Restorations

Pest Control Services



Bed Bug Heat Treatment Instructions

1. Items that must be removed from treatment areas:

- Pets - Including fish in aquariums.
- House Plants
- Fresh Food - fruits, vegetables, etc.
- Food that melts - chocolate, candy, etc.
- Prescription and over the counter drugs
- Cosmetics
- Wax based items - Candles, lipstick, etc.
- Fire arms, ammunition, fireworks, etc.
- Anything pressurized - spray cans, fire extinguishers, oxygen bottles, hairspray, etc.
- Flammables - Lighters, lamp fuel, alcohol, solvents, etc.
- Wooden and stringed musical instruments - leave the cases
- Family heirlooms and irreplaceable items should be inspected and a determination made as to whether they should be treated.

2. Clothing: The bed bugs will seek shelter on and within clothing. To avoid reintroducing bed bugs, any clothing removed from the space before a thermal remediation must be treated before being returned to the treated areas.

- Washing using the hottest water cycle and drying using the hottest dryer setting will treat most clothing.
- Avoid contaminating the freshly washed clothing. Do not return the clean clothing to the container (bag, basket, etc.) it was transported in unless that container was also treated.
- Clothing left in the heated space must be placed in open wave laundry baskets. Clothing must be packed loosely. Tightly packed baskets will prevent lethal temperatures from reaching all items. Do not place clothing in plastic bags.
- Clothing in drawers can be left in place; except if clothing is tightly packed, and then some items must be removed. Also, it may become necessary to remove the drawers from the dressers to help with the air movement.
- Clothing on hangers may be left in closets if the space between the items is large enough to allow the heated air to circulate. Arrange hanging items to open up air space between them.

3. Larger fabric Items - Linens, towels, blankets, etc: These items should be left in the area being heated, as they are likely to shelter insects. Place these items in open weave laundry baskets. Pack the items very loosely to allow for air circulation. Do not pack in plastic bags.

4. Electronics - Televisions, computers, video players, stereos, etc: Electronics are a hiding place for bed bugs; do not remove electronics from areas being treated. Switch all electronics to the off position. Disconnect all electronic appliances by unplugging from the wall outlet.

5. Waterbeds and airbeds: Waterbeds will need to be drained. Air beds will need to be partially deflated to avoid damage. Select comfort type air beds with an electronic pump must be partially deflated and unplugged from the wall outlet.

TURBULENT AIRFLOW WARNING: Heat treatments involve turbulent air flow that may disturb loose paper, lampshades, and other lightweight items. Please gather loose papers and articles and place them in boxes. Glass items, knick-knacks etc. will need to be secured. Do not leave breakable items on shelves or other areas where damage could happen. Pictures, paintings, and other wall mounted items will need to be taken down to prevent damage.

HIGH TEMPERATURE WARNING: Heat treatments involve high temperatures up to 150° F. The above precautions are suggestions and do not include everything that may be affected by heat. It is the tenant's responsibility to identify and safeguard any items that may be affected by the treatment. Professional Restorations assumes no liability for damage to structures or items that are not heat safe.