

Bed Bug Service Prep Recommendations/ Checklist

Linen removal and laundering prior to treatment.

- Remove all bedding (sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads, blankets, comforters, bed skirts, etc) and place items into a plastic bag. Seal the bag before moving it to the laundry. Preferable to have a technician on-site as breakdown occurs as this can cause bed bugs to move.
- Launder washable bedding and use the highest temperature possible to dry.
- Dry clean items, like draperies, comforters, and bed skirts, per manufacturer's label. Items, like draperies, may be treated by technician if requested by the customer (release required).

Miscellaneous items removal prior to treatment.

- Thoroughly check each item for bed bugs as items are removed from closets, dressers, nightstands, etc. Place items in plastic bags, then seal bags and leave bags in the room.
- Place in a sealed bag all paper products, such as cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, personal papers, old newspapers, magazines, and similar items that are in the infested rooms. Leave for treatment or discard.
- Move all furniture and items away from the walls. It would be optimal for the technician to be on-site and ready to treat when customer prepares area.

Vacuuming.

- **A critical step!** Thoroughly vacuum all infested rooms, especially areas where baseboards meet carpet/flooring. Vacuum mattresses, box springs, furniture, closets, shelving, etc. focusing on cracks, crevices, mattress buttons/ tufts/ seams etc. Immediately place vacuum bag or canister contents in a sealed bag and dispose of in an outside trash receptacle. Note: We discourage the use of a central vacuum system for this work. When using a bagless vacuum cleaner, be aware that insects and/or eggs can get caught in the Filters, hoses, etc.

Important Notes.

- Discarding ripped/torn materials or heavily infested items may be necessary after they are treated to avoid cross contamination.
- The service technician will dismantle bed frames and other items as part of the service program.
- If the box spring is not being discarded, then the removal of the ticking by the technician is required for proper inspection and treatment.
- **A clutter-free environment** is needed in all areas scheduled for treatment.
- Before moving any item, bagged or not, to another room, it should be thoroughly inspected (even the exterior of the bag) to ensure that bed bugs are not transported to another area.
- The customer should not touch or remove any monitoring device(s) left by the technician.
- The customer should not attempt to apply any type of "booster" insecticide treatments.
- The timeline for eradication of a bed bug infestation is dependant on the level of infestation, the thoroughness of the treatment program, and the cooperation of the customer.
- Bed bugs are not always eliminated by the material application alone. Customer cooperation is essential to the success of the program!

Customer's initials _____

Technician's initials _____

Date _____

Date _____