



Bed Bug Prep Sheet

Before You Read

We can only guarantee our service if all steps are followed. Bed bugs are one of the toughest pests to get rid of so cooperation and communication on both ends is crucial. Please try to figure out how bed bugs entered your home. Ask yourself: *Have I stayed in a hotel recently? Have any guests visited or stayed the night? Have I been to a library recently?* Making sure bed bugs do not get reintroduced into your home is a major factor in this treatment's success. So please, let us know how you believe these pests entered your home.

If you or anyone is sensitive to chemical odors please contact us. Consider consulting with your physician before service, we can offer a list of chemicals that will be used.

Prepping for a bed bug service is a strenuous task, it takes a lot of work and effort. We will service your home at least 3 times and the prep should be consistent. We highly recommend you do not reassemble your home to reduce workload. Keep **ALL** material that has been cleaned and sealed in plastic bags/containers untouched.

Before Treatment

1. Remove all clutter from the floors. Vacuum thoroughly **everyday**, discard the vacuum bag immediately after each use. The vacuum bag will need to be thrown away outside of the home.
2. Remove all sheets and blankets from the mattress. Wash these fabrics in hot water and leave them sealed in a plastic bag. **DO NOT** contaminate clean fabrics with unwashed fabrics. Lean mattress against the wall.
3. Clear all dressers and closets of clothing/belongings. Wash **all** clothing with hot water. Place all washed clothing straight into sealed plastic bags. Inspect, clean, and place all belongings (shoes e.g.) in sealed containers/bags. **DO NOT** contaminate any sealed clothes or belongings.
4. Leave all dressers empty so we can treat. Dressers should remain empty until all services are complete.
5. All other materials (i.e. books, magazines, nic-nacs, toys) should be cleaned and put into a sealed plastic bag/container.

6. Stuffed animals and plush toys should be washed in hot water and sealed in bags.
7. Remove all light switch and outlet plating, these areas will be treated. They can be placed back on after first treatment.
8. Remove all pictures and paintings off the wall. Clean and place these items in a sealed plastic bag.
9. Remove all furniture at least one foot from the wall.
10. Secure **ALL** sealed and cleaned material outside if possible. If you cannot, create a “safe zone” in the home. Do not bring any possibly contaminated material in your safe zone.
11. Place mattress encasements on all beds. The encasements should stay on for the remainder of services. We can provide these for you if needed.
12. No pets or people should be home during service. Please take pets out of home. If it is an aquarium or terrarium, cover it with a sheet or newspaper.

After Treatment

1. **DO NOT enter home until 4 hours after service. If the chemical odor persists, open windows around the home. If the smell is too strong, give it up to 6 hours before re-entering. If anyone is pregnant, under the age of one, or has known respiratory issues, they should consider waiting 24 hours before re-entering home.**
2. **DO NOT** mop floors or clean dressers.
3. Continue to vacuum regularly.
4. Bed bug sightings and bites are common after the initial service. Let your technician know where the most infested areas are after each service. This way he can focus more on these areas.