



CLIENT AFTERCARE GUIDE

FLEA TREATMENT AFTERCARE

SEEING FLEAS AFTER TREATMENT CAN BE NORMAL

Adult fleas and protected pupae may remain after service. Newly emerged fleas can still appear during the first several days or weeks. This does not automatically mean the treatment failed.

Flea elimination is a process rather than a single visit. The home, every pet, and the developing flea life stages must all be addressed. Consistent aftercare helps the professional treatment work as quickly and effectively as possible.

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THE THREE RULES THAT MATTER MOST

01

Treat every pet

All dogs and cats must remain on veterinarian-recommended flea control. Untreated pets can keep the infestation going.

02

Vacuum every day

After treated surfaces are dry, vacuum carpets, rugs, furniture, pet resting areas, and room edges daily for 10 to 14 days.

03

Protect the treatment

Do not shampoo or steam-clean treated areas, and do not add sprays, powders, foggers, or bug bombs unless directed.

WHAT PROGRESS TYPICALLY LOOKS LIKE

1

FIRST FEW DAYS

Activity may continue or briefly seem worse as adult fleas emerge.

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10 TO 14 DAYS

Most clients should begin noticing a clear reduction in sightings.

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2 TO 4 WEEKS

Heavy infestations may take longer as protected pupae continue to emerge.

WHY OCCASIONAL ACTIVITY MAY CONTINUE

Flea pupae are protected inside cocoons and are not readily penetrated by sprays. Movement, warmth, and vacuuming help newly developed adults emerge so they can contact treated surfaces.



Protect the Treatment

Flea aftercare requires a balance: treated surfaces must remain in place, but repeated vacuuming is also essential. These four rules protect the application while helping newly emerged fleas contact it.

RULE 01**Wait Until Surfaces Are Dry**

People and pets should remain off treated surfaces until the required re-entry time has passed and all treated areas are completely dry. Follow any different instructions provided by your technician.

RULE 02**Vacuum Every Day**

Once surfaces are dry, vacuum daily for 10 to 14 days. Focus on carpets, rugs, upholstered furniture, beneath cushions and furniture, room edges, and every place pets rest. Empty the vacuum outside.

RULE 03**Do Not Shampoo or Steam-Clean**

Carpet shampooing, steam-cleaning, and washing treated floor edges can remove or disturb the residual treatment. Wait until Level Up confirms that those areas may be deep-cleaned.

RULE 04**Never Add Other Pesticides**

Store-bought sprays, powders, foggers, and bug bombs can interfere with the treatment, create unnecessary exposure, or scatter the problem. Do not apply another pesticide unless Level Up specifically directs you to do so.

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK BEFORE YOU CLEAN OR SPRAY

If you are unsure whether an area was treated, whether it is safe to clean, or whether another product may be used, contact Level Up Home Services before disturbing the area or applying anything nearby.



Break the Flea Life Cycle

Adult fleas are only one part of the infestation. Eggs, larvae, and pupae develop throughout the places pets spend time. Small, consistent actions in the home help the treatment reach each stage of the life cycle.

PETS

Treat Every Pet

Every dog and cat in the home must receive veterinarian-recommended flea control and remain on schedule. Never use a dog-only flea product on a cat. Ask your veterinarian what is appropriate for each animal.

VACUUMING

Focus on Flea Hot Spots

Vacuum daily for 10 to 14 days. Pay special attention to pet beds, carpets, rugs, upholstered furniture, beneath cushions, beneath furniture, room edges, and cracks near pet resting areas.

BEDDING

Wash and Dry Weekly

Wash pet bedding, blankets, washable throws, and other fabrics where pets rest at least weekly. Use the hottest wash and dryer settings that are safe for the material.

SOURCE CONTROL

Watch for Wildlife and Rodents

Fleas can be introduced or sustained by rodents, stray animals, wildlife, crawlspaces, porches, and shaded outdoor resting areas. Tell us if pets may not be the only source.

WHY THE INSECT GROWTH REGULATOR MATTERS

Your treatment included an insect growth regulator (IGR). It interrupts the development of flea eggs and larvae and helps prevent new breeding adults. It is not an instant knockdown of every adult flea or protected pupa already present.

EVEN CLEAN HOMES CAN EXPERIENCE FLEAS

Fleas can be carried inside by pets, people, wildlife, rodents, used furnishings, or visiting animals. An infestation is not proof that a home is dirty.



Improvement, Follow-Up, and Prevention

PROGRESS

When You Should See Improvement

Flea sightings can continue during the first several days as adults emerge from protected cocoons. Most clients should see a clear downward trend within 10 to 14 days. Heavy infestations may take longer. Contact us if activity is not decreasing or changes unexpectedly.

FOLLOW-UP

Why Another Visit Matters

A follow-up allows us to inspect the remaining activity, address newly emerged adults, confirm that the population is collapsing, and adjust treatment if needed. Keep the scheduled visit even if sightings have decreased.

COMMUNICATION

What to Tell Us

Please tell us:

- Exact location
- Time of day
- Whether every pet is currently treated
- Whether activity is increasing or decreasing
- Any new room or area involved

Contact us if live fleas remain about 4 weeks after treatment or continue after the follow-up.

PREVENTION

After Elimination

Keep pets on year-round veterinarian-recommended flea control, wash bedding regularly, monitor resting areas, and report rodent or wildlife activity.

QUICK SUMMARY

- ✓ Seeing fleas shortly after treatment can be normal.
- ✓ Keep every pet on veterinarian-recommended flea control.
- ✓ Vacuum every day for 10 to 14 days after treated surfaces are dry.
- ✓ Do not shampoo treated areas or apply sprays, foggers, or bug bombs.
- ✓ Keep the scheduled follow-up even if activity has decreased.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our goal is not simply to apply treatment and leave. We want you to feel informed, supported, and confident throughout the process. If you have questions or notice unusual activity, please reach out to Level Up Home Services.