



CLIENT AFTERCARE GUIDE

BED BUG TREATMENT AFTERCARE

SEEING BED BUGS AFTER TREATMENT CAN BE NORMAL

Hidden bed bugs may become visible, move slowly, or die in open areas after service. Eggs already present may also hatch. Early sightings do not automatically mean the treatment failed.

Bed bug elimination is a process rather than a single visit. Containment, heat laundering, protection of treated areas, and follow-up inspections all work together. Treatment methods vary, so your technician's specific instructions always take priority.

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THE THREE RULES THAT MATTER MOST

01**Keep belongings contained**

Do not move items into another room, home, vehicle, or workplace unless they have been inspected or treated and cleared.

02**Do not relocate sleeping**

Unless directed otherwise, do not begin sleeping in another room. Bed bugs may follow and spread into a new area.

03**Protect the treatment**

Do not disturb monitors, encasements, interceptors, dusts, or treated edges, and do not add store-bought pesticides.

WHAT PROGRESS TYPICALLY LOOKS LIKE

1**FIRST SEVERAL DAYS**

Live, sluggish, or dying bugs may still be found after treatment.

2**1 TO 2 WEEKS**

Eggs may hatch, but activity should begin trending downward.

3**FOLLOW-UP PHASE**

Inspection confirms progress and identifies areas needing more work.

WHY OCCASIONAL ACTIVITY MAY CONTINUE

Bed bug eggs can survive some initial treatments and hatch later. Newly emerged bugs still need time to contact treated surfaces, dusts, or other control measures before the population fully collapses.



Protect the Treatment

Professional bed bug control depends on products and monitoring tools remaining in the right places. These rules prevent the most common setbacks while allowing safe, limited cleanup.

RULE 01

Wait Until Re-Entry Is Allowed

People and pets must remain out until the required re-entry time has passed and treated surfaces are completely dry. Follow any different instructions given for the products or treatment method used.

RULE 02

Leave Devices and Encasements Alone

Do not move, remove, cover, clean, or damage monitors, interceptors, mattress or box-spring encasements, or other devices. If an encasement is installed, keep it fully zipped and report any tear.

RULE 03

Clean Only as Directed

You may remove visible dead bugs or vacuum an approved area, but avoid scrubbing, mopping, steam-cleaning, or vacuuming treated cracks, edges, and dust placements until Level Up confirms it is safe.

RULE 04

Never Add DIY Pesticides

Do not apply sprays, powders, rubbing alcohol, garden pesticides, foggers, or bug bombs. They can create unnecessary exposure, interfere with the professional program, or scatter bed bugs into harder-to-reach areas.

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK BEFORE YOU CLEAN, MOVE, OR SPRAY

If you are unsure whether an item can be moved, a surface can be cleaned, or another product may be used, contact Level Up Home Services first. One preventable move can spread bed bugs into a new room or location.



Contain, Heat, and Prevent Spread

Bed bugs are excellent hitchhikers. The goal is to treat or contain belongings without carrying bugs into clean rooms, vehicles, workplaces, shared laundry areas, or another home.

LAUNDRY

Use Dryer Heat

Place suitable clothing, bedding, towels, curtains, and washable fabrics in a dryer for at least 30 minutes on medium-high heat or the highest heat the material can safely tolerate. Washing alone may not kill every bed bug.

CONTAINMENT

Separate Clean and Untreated Items

Move suspected items in sealed bags. After drying or other approved treatment, place items into new, clean bags or sealed containers. Do not return clean items to an area or bag that may still be infested.

SLEEPING AREA

Do Not Move to Another Room

Unless Level Up tells you otherwise, continue using the directed sleeping area. Moving to another bedroom, couch, hotel, or friend's home can spread the infestation or cause bed bugs to follow.

FURNITURE

Do Not Discard Items Without Approval

Mattresses, box springs, beds, and furniture can often be treated. Moving or discarding an infested item can spread bugs through the home, hallway, vehicle, or community and may not solve the problem.

KEEP ENCASEMENTS AND INTERCEPTORS IN PLACE

If bed-bug-proof encasements or interceptor cups were installed, do not remove them for cleaning or inspection. Keep encasements zipped and intact. Encasements used to trap hidden bugs may need to remain in place for at least one year.

EVEN CLEAN HOMES CAN EXPERIENCE BED BUGS

Bed bugs travel in luggage, clothing, bags, used furnishings, deliveries, and other belongings. An infestation is not evidence that a home or its occupants are unclean.



Improvement, Follow-Up, and Prevention

PROGRESS

When You Should See Improvement

Live bugs may still appear during the first several days, and eggs may hatch after service. Activity should trend downward over time. Because treatment methods and infestation levels vary, do not judge the result by a single sighting or skin reaction.

FOLLOW-UP

Why Another Visit May Be Needed

Bed bug programs commonly require follow-up inspection or treatment. A follow-up allows us to check monitors, inspect remaining activity, address newly hatched bugs, and adjust the program based on where evidence remains.

COMMUNICATION

What to Tell Us

Please tell us:

- Exact room and location
- Date and time observed
- Live bug, photo, or specimen if available
- Whether items or sleeping locations changed
- Any new room or area involved

Contact us promptly if activity appears in a previously unaffected room or increases unexpectedly.

PREVENTION

After Elimination

Inspect lodging and used furniture. Keep luggage off beds, heat-dry travel clothes, and reduce clutter near sleeping areas.

QUICK SUMMARY

- ✓ Seeing bed bugs shortly after treatment can be normal.
- ✓ Do not move belongings or begin sleeping in another room.
- ✓ Heat-dry suitable items for at least 30 minutes and store them in clean bags.
- ✓ Do not disturb encasements, monitors, interceptors, or treated areas.
- ✓ Do not use DIY sprays, powders, foggers, or bug bombs.

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.