



## BEDBUG TREATMENT AGREEMENT

In the event of a bedbug infestation, much of the burden falls on you to help us prevent the spread to other units and to eliminate the problem in your unit.

Bed Bugs are tough to control. They are difficult to see, they are active at night when humans are sleeping, and a female lays eggs at 2 to 3 per day and may lay 200 to 300 eggs in a lifetime. They can go without food (blood) for up to 140 days. They hide in cracks and small places and are difficult to see, especially in the early molting stages and the eggs are very small and almost invisible to the naked eye. Since the elimination of DDT and Chlordane several decades ago, the problem has become widespread and the current insecticides are not near as effective. Bed bugs live in clusters, like roaches. They generally will travel 20 or more feet from their nesting area if the host moves to another location. They have been known to move downstairs if the host goes from bedroom to living room. They prefer to feed at night, but will feed during the day if the host is inactive. You may need a flashlight to locate the bed bugs. They will hide in bedding, bed frames, covers, couches and chairs, window and door moldings, behind wall paper and pictures, cracks in flooring, under carpet along walls, wall voids such as light sockets and outlets, luggage and backpacks and clothing.

By signing below, you are agreeing to the preparation that would be required for treatment by the Pest Management Professional. With cooperation, we can win the battle in your apartment. Without your cooperation, we will lose the war against bed bugs in the building.

Tenant Responsibility.

Prepare for treatment:

\_\_\_ I understand that I may need to arrange for family members or friends to help me prepare.

\_\_\_ I agree to be ready the day before treatment and agree to a pre-inspection on the afternoon before the day of treatment to ensure that everything is properly prepared.

\_\_\_ Remove all clothing from the floors. This includes both the basement and the attics. Remove all clothing from closets, drawers, shelves.

\_\_\_ ALL Clothing must be removed and placed in zip lock or sealable plastic bags. Separate washable from non washable items. Non washable items to be taken to the drycleaners and clearly mark for the cleaner to know and deal with the problem. Drycleaners must be advised that they may not reuse the plastic bags the clothing was brought in.

\_\_\_\_ Wash all clothing in HOT water and tumble dry at least 10 minutes on HIGH setting. Place all clean clothing in NEW sealable plastic bags...do not reuse the plastic bags used to collect the clothing prior to washing. Store them in the plastic bags on the kitchen floor until after treatment.

\_\_\_\_ Remove all sheets, blankets, mattress covers and pillowcases from all beds, wash in HOT water (over 120 degrees F.) at HIGH heat setting. After cleaning place in new plastic bags and do not put them back on the bed until the evening after receiving pest control service. Wash or dry-clean all pillows. Store them in the plastic bags on the kitchen floor as well.

\_\_\_\_ Remove all loose items from the floor and all items must be moved 3 feet away from the baseboards, including toys, etc. This includes both the basement as well. Washable toys are to be handled in the same manner as clothing.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that my thorough cleaning of the apartment in advance of the treatment is necessary make it more effective. The best cleaning is to vacuum the floors, drapes, baseboards. Vacuum cleared closets, shelves, drawers, etc. Be sure to remove the vacuum bag outside, tape it shut and place it in the dumpster.

\_\_\_\_ All furniture must be moved 3 feet from the walls.

\_\_\_\_ Closets and all floors must be cleared of any objects.

\_\_\_\_ Basements - all floors must be cleared of any objects.

\_\_\_\_ All shelves must be cleared of any objects.

\_\_\_\_ Empty all dresser and night stand drawers and remove drawer from dresser or night stand.

\_\_\_\_ Remove all items from the floors. Remove all items under beds. Place items in the Kitchen.

\_\_\_\_ Stuffed animals should be placed in a clothes dryer on high setting for 10 minutes.

\_\_\_\_ Existing beds will be treated based on the condition of the mattress and box springs and the severity of the infestation. If mattresses and or box springs are damaged (including tears or small holes around buttons, rips in seams, etc., the mattress must be disposed of. The mattress must be spray painted "Bedbug Infested" and sealed in plastic before being carried out of the building. This is to prevent anyone else from picking the item up and transporting it their home. If you insist on keeping the damaged and infested bedding, you will be required to purchase a customized bed bug mattress and box springs cover from the Pest Control Service. Such cover must remain on the mattress and box springs for a minimum of 18 months.

\_\_\_\_ Additional furniture such as couches, chairs, etc., will be treated based on the condition of the item of furniture and the severity of the infestation. Some leather furniture may not be treatable. If furniture is damaged (including holes or rips, etc.,) treatment will not be rendered and the items must be discarded. If any untreatable furniture is rented you must report it to the rental company and have them pick up and remove that furniture, otherwise the Pest Control Service may spray paint and dispose of the furniture causing irreparable damage. Any such items must be spray painted "Bedbug Infested" and covered entirely with plastic and disposed of properly. This is required to prevent anyone else from picking the item up and transporting it their home.

On the day of treatment:

\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Pest Control Service will verify the proper disposal of all untreatable beds and furniture, and if not done properly by tenant, the Pest Control Service will take action to ensure proper disposal at tenant's expense.

\_\_\_\_ If you have a pet, the pet must be removed from the apartment for at least 4 hours following the treatment and cannot be present for the treatment. Fish tanks need to be covered and sealed in plastic and air pump turned off for a 4-hour period, following treatment.

\_\_\_\_ Children 10 and under must vacate the apartment during and for a four (4) hour period following treatment as an extra precaution.

\_\_\_\_ Anyone that is pregnant, has asthma, heart conditions, or any other respiratory problems must vacate the unit prior to treatment and must consult with their physician as to when they can safely reenter the apartment.

\_\_\_\_ I understand the risk of loss/damage to personal property associated with extermination of Bedbugs and hereby assume such risk.

I have read the foregoing agreement and understand my responsibilities as set forth herein, and agree to abide by the terms of the Agreement as outlined above.

Tenant

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