



Flea Preparation Checklist

Prepare your home for a successful interior flea treatment

Please complete these steps before we arrive. If you cannot complete an item, contact Pest Safari before your appointment.

Appointment: _____ **Pest Safari contact:** _____

1 CLEAN AND CLEAR THE TREATMENT AREAS

- ☐ **Clear the floors.** Pick up toys, shoes, clothes, loose items, and clutter in rooms scheduled for treatment, including accessible closet floors and under beds.
- ☐ **Vacuum thoroughly 1-2 hours before treatment.** Include carpets, rugs, hard floors, baseboard edges, upholstery seams, beneath cushions, and accessible areas under furniture, especially where pets rest. Warmth and vibration from vacuuming can encourage adult fleas to emerge from their cocoons.
- ☐ **Empty the vacuum outside.** Seal collected debris or the disposable bag in a trash bag and place it in an outdoor trash container. Follow your vacuum manufacturer's cleaning instructions.
- ☐ **Wash pet bedding and washable items where pets rest.** Use detergent and the hottest wash and dryer settings the care label allows. Store clean items away from treatment areas until cleared for return.
- ☐ **Finish any planned carpet shampooing or steam cleaning first.** Tell us if carpets will still be damp. Ask us before wet-cleaning treated areas after service.
- ☐ **Provide access.** Make pet resting spots and floor edges accessible. Move small items safely; ask us before moving heavy furniture.

2 PREPARE PETS AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

- ☐ **Coordinate flea control for all dogs and cats with your veterinarian.** Arrange it around the home treatment and follow each pet product's label. Never use a dog flea product on a cat.
- ☐ **Plan for everyone to leave the treatment areas.** Remove pets, including birds, before spraying. People and pets must stay out during treatment and until sprays are dry.
- ☐ **Protect aquariums.** Cover and unplug aquariums before spraying. Tell Pest Safari in advance so we can coordinate this step and your return instructions.
- ☐ **Protect food and kitchen items.** Cover or remove exposed food. Cover food-preparation surfaces and utensils, or thoroughly wash them before use. Put away pet bowls and toys from treatment areas.
- ☐ **Tell us what we need to know.** Identify flea hot spots, pet sleeping areas, recent flea sprays/foggers/powders, and any household needs that affect leaving or preparing the home. Ask us before applying additional flea products.

3 CONFIRM BEFORE WE ARRIVE

- ☐ **Confirm access and return instructions.** Leave a reachable phone number. Treated rooms must be ventilated until surfaces are dry before reoccupying. Do not use treated items until dry. Follow Pest Safari instructions for ventilation and return.

PEST SAFARI TO COMPLETE BEFORE SERVICE

Return / ventilation instructions: _____

Aquarium, pet, ventilation, or other instructions: _____

AFTER TREATMENT: VACUUM EVERY 2-3 DAYS

Once treated surfaces are dry and Pest Safari has cleared you to return, vacuum every 2-3 days to continue encouraging adult fleas to emerge from their cocoons. Keep pets on their veterinarian-recommended flea plan. Contact Pest Safari if flea activity persists or increases.



The Flea Life Cycle

Know the stages. Help break the cycle.

A closer look at the cat flea, a common flea on dogs and cats.

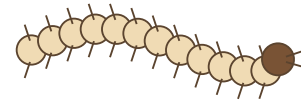
1 EGG



Hatches in about 2-5 days

Pearly white eggs fall off the pet into rugs, bedding, and floor cracks. A female cat flea may lay about 20-50 eggs a day.

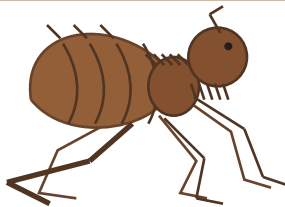
2 LARVA



Feeds and grows for about 8-15 days

Legless, bristly larvae hide from light in protected areas. They eat organic debris and flea dirt (dried blood in adult flea droppings), then spin a cocoon.

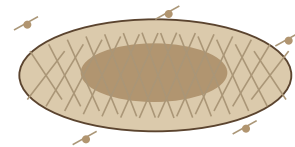
4 ADULT



Feeds on a host and lays eggs

Wingless, reddish-brown fleas use strong hind legs to jump onto a host. A blood meal supports reproduction. Eggs drop into the home and restart the cycle.

3 PUPA



Protected inside a silk cocoon

Debris sticks to the cocoon. The flea develops into an adult inside; it may wait there for weeks or months. Movement and warmth can trigger emergence.

THE CYCLE CONTINUES

Illustrations are enlarged and not to scale. Timing varies with temperature, humidity, and host availability.

WHY FLEAS MAY APPEAR AFTER TREATMENT

Cocoons can shield developing fleas from insecticides. Adults may emerge afterward, so seeing a flea does not automatically mean the treatment failed. Our treatment targets adult fleas and interrupts immature development.

After surfaces are dry and you are cleared to return, vacuum every 2-3 days to encourage adult emergence. Keep pets on veterinarian-recommended flea care. Contact us about ongoing activity. Repeat applications of this treatment must be at least 14 days apart.

Life cycle guidance: UC IPM, Fleas; CDC, Flea Lifecycles; UF/IFAS, Fleas.