



Bed Bug Preparation

Proper preparation is an essential step for ensuring effective bed bug control. We will sit down, discuss the process with you, and give you adequate time to prepare for the service because we understand that appropriate preparation can be difficult to achieve in a short time frame. Please note: R.A.T.S. Professional Pest Control will not treat any structure that has not met the preparation guidelines provided.

Furniture Prep:

1. All furniture needs pulled away from the walls at least 2 to 3 feet.
2. Lift mattresses and box springs out of the bed frame and lean them up against the wall.
3. Empty closets of any items and clothing and replace them in sealed plastic bags. Place sealed items in the center of room.
4. Remove all contents from dressers, nightstands and other storage chests. Place items and clothing in plastic bags and move them to the center of the room.
5. Place all books and magazines in boxes and move to the center of the room.
6. Open any futons and sleeper sofas for treatment.
7. Remove all jewelry, Knives, guns atc.

Note: Any structure deemed to have excess clutter, will not be treated. To perform a proper and thorough treatment, excess clutter needs removed. Once the clutter is removed, treatment will begin.

Laundry Prep:

8. If it can be laundered, it should be laundered, period.
9. All items including curtains, bed linens, etc. need laundered according to the manufacturers specifications. Use the highest heat settings possible on both the wash and dry receptacle.
10. Any bags used to transport laundry should be washes as well or disposed of in an outside trash receptacle.
11. Place all freshly laundered items in sealed bags and remain there until treatment is finished.
12. Following the manufacturers label, any items that cannot be washed but can be dried should be dried on the highest and safest heat setting possible for 45 minutes.
13. Any items that cannot be laundered should be taken to the drycleaners.

It has been proved that temperatures in excess of 140° Fahrenheit kill all stages of bed bugs.

Vacuum Prep:

14. Vacuum floors, rugs, and carpets.
15. Vacuum mattresses, bed frames, and furniture including all cracks and crevices. (If you can get to it, Vacuum it.)
16. Discard vacuum bags immediatly into an outside trash receptacle.

Furniture Disposal:

OK, this one is entirely up to you. When dealing with infested furniture you need to think about the infestation level within the item, the replacement cost and if decided, how to properly dispose of these items.

If your decision is to discard these items, you should make the furniture unusable to any other person by cutting your mattresses and other furniture or otherwise just blatantly damaging them. They should also be wrapped in plastic before moving them from their original location and taken to the proper drop off site (we don't want these things to spread).

If your decision is to keep the furniture, we suggest purchasing mattress or furniture encasements. Feel free to ask your technician or simply call us to help advise you on the purchase. We like to install them during the initial treatment for best results.

Post Treatment:

We recommend staying out of the home for a minimum of 4 hours to allow the products to fully dry. After the 4-hour minimum, you and your pets can reenter your home or premise. However, to prevent having to go back through these steps we ask that you do not move anything back or remove anything from sealed bags before our follow-up visit. If you do need to move furniture back to its original location we ask that you return it back to the location it was in during the initial treatment.

***If you have any questions regarding these steps please contact our office
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