## BED BUG TREATMENT PREPARATION SHEET

- 1. Remove all sheets, blankets, and dust covers from all beds, mattresses, and futons. Place into heavy plastic, airtight, bins or bags. Seal tightly and have items laundered in hot water and hot dry. Mattresses and box springs should be placed in good quality covers. If you would like the mattresses and box springs treated, please remove the plastic covers. If technician removes the plastic cover and it is damaged, Smart Pest Control Service Inc. is not responsible.
- 2. Perform a thorough vacuuming of all mattresses, box springs, carpets, drapes, chairs, couches, and similar items and discard vacuum bags in an outside trash receptacle as soon as you are finished.
- 3. Do not remove any furniture, including bedside stands, dressers, chairs, sofas, pictures, or any part of the bed frame, mattress, or box spring unless they are first wrapped tightly in plastic sheeting. If any furniture is to be replaced do not bring in new furniture until all services have been completed.
- 4. Cover all fish tanks, animal cages, and remove birds and bird cages from areas to receive treatment.
- 5. Remove pet bedding from the rooms and wash them in hot water and dry; place back in room after treatment.
- 6. All baby crib linens should be washed. Stuffed animals should be placed in dryer on high heat for 20 minutes.
- 7. Remove all stored items from under the beds but leave items in the rooms for treatment. If disposing of items, they must be wrapped in plastic to be removed from the unit or home to prevent cross contamination.
- 8. Empty all items and clothing from dressers and nightstands. Remove all materials from the floor and out of the closets. Hanging clothes can remain, unless fogging or other self-treatment has already been done. This will drive the bugs into the closets and additional treatment is required.
- 9. Open any sofa beds and remove loose covers that may be on upholstered furniture. Launder these covers in hot water and hot dry.
- 10. Before treatment all occupants must leave the unit and not enter for a minimum of 4 hours. Aquariums may remain in place as long as the filtration and aeration systems are turned off and the tank covered with wet towel. Filtration and aeration equipment can be turned back on in 6 hours after the bed bug treatment.

IMPORTANT: The cheesecloth covering may be removed from under the boxspring for thorough treatment. Coverings on the underside of sofas may also be removed for treatment, as necessary.

\*\*\*Disclaimer: Any chemical application (including fogging) by any persons other than Smart Pest Control Service Inc. technicians during the treatment process may void warranty.

## Proper Disposal of Furniture:

Bed bug infested furniture that cannot be salvaged needs to be disposed of in a manner that will prevent further spreading of bed bugs. In the process of removing furniture, bed bugs can escape into hallways and make their way into others rooms and new apartments, spreading the problem to new areas. When furniture is removed take apart or damage the piece of furniture to ensure that it can not be reused.

The mattresses should be slashed to make it unusable and wrapped. The furniture should be wrapped in plastic so the bed bugs can not escape. Put in trash right before pick-up so the furniture or mattress does not sit outside for a long period of time.

These instructions should be followed for effective service.

Thank you for choosing Smart Pest Control Service Inc. and we appreciate your cooperation!