



## **Bed Bug Prep Sheet**

*For best results follow the preparation instructions below. Skipping steps may prevent proper control of pest activity.*

**Step #1: Laundry.** Pick up all clothes on floors and any other “loose” clothing (hanging over chairs or furniture). Wash in the hottest water possible and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes. Place these clean dry clothes in a large garbage bag, sealed at the top until the treatment has been completed. Remove all sheets, covers, dust ruffles, comforters, pillows, and any other bedding covers from your mattress and box spring in all bedrooms. Wash all bed linens in the hottest water possible and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes. Replacing the original bedding without treatment at high heat is likely to reintroduce bed bugs to the treated room, which could result in control failure.

- Cabin beds/beds with built-in storage: Remove all clothing items from these storage areas and launder according to Step #1.

**Step #2: Declutter.** Decluttering your space will assist in removing potential bed bug harborages. Please remove all unnecessary items and debris from/around floors, baseboards, beds, and couches.

**Step #3: Access Baseboards.** Please move all furniture items (where safe to do so) away from the walls to allow access the baseboards around the entire room/home.

Please note: It is not necessary to remove clean clothing or other items from draws or cupboards unless these items are clearly heavily infested (visible bed bugs). Ornaments and other items can be left in place.

**Step 4: Vacuum.** Please vacuum all baseboards to remove dust build-up from these areas. Please also do a thorough vacuum of all mattresses, box springs, bed frames, couches, and soft furniture (including undersides, cushions, tufts, and creases) prior to treatment. Remove the vacuum cleaner bag or contents of the canister, place in a plastic bag, and dispose of in the trash can outside your home.

**Note:** Cover fish tanks, terrariums and small animal cages with a clean towel or sheet.

DO NOT RE-ENTER TREATED AREAS FOR 4 HOURS AFTER SERVICE. • DO NOT SPRAY ANY PESTICIDES, WATER, OR CLEANING PRODUCTS IN TREATED AREAS AFTER THE APREHEND® TREATMENT. THIS WILL KILL THE APREHEND® AND RESULT IN CONTROL FAILURE.



Allow the treatment time to work. Do not clean or remove the spray barriers. In most cases, barriers will have been applied in inconspicuous areas but if infestation was suspected behind baseboards or electrical outlets, a 2" spray barrier may have been applied on the wall above or around these installations.

Under certain lighting conditions, these barriers may be visible. Leave these in place until you are certain that the infestation has been eradicated. The barrier will remain active for up to 3 months if left undisturbed, but is easily removed with kitchen or bathroom cleaner when required. Live bed bugs may be visible for 2-3 weeks after the treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places; this is a sign that the treatment is working. Remember that bed bugs may not leave their harbourages for a number of days after treatment, and nymphs hatching from eggs will not be affected until they cross a spray barrier. However, all bed bugs will die within 3-7 days after coming into contact with Aprehend®. It is also important to continue regular vacuuming of all surfaces after treatment has been completed, until your follow-up appointment approximately 30 days after initial service. Failure to do so may result in ongoing bedbug activity and a voided warranty.